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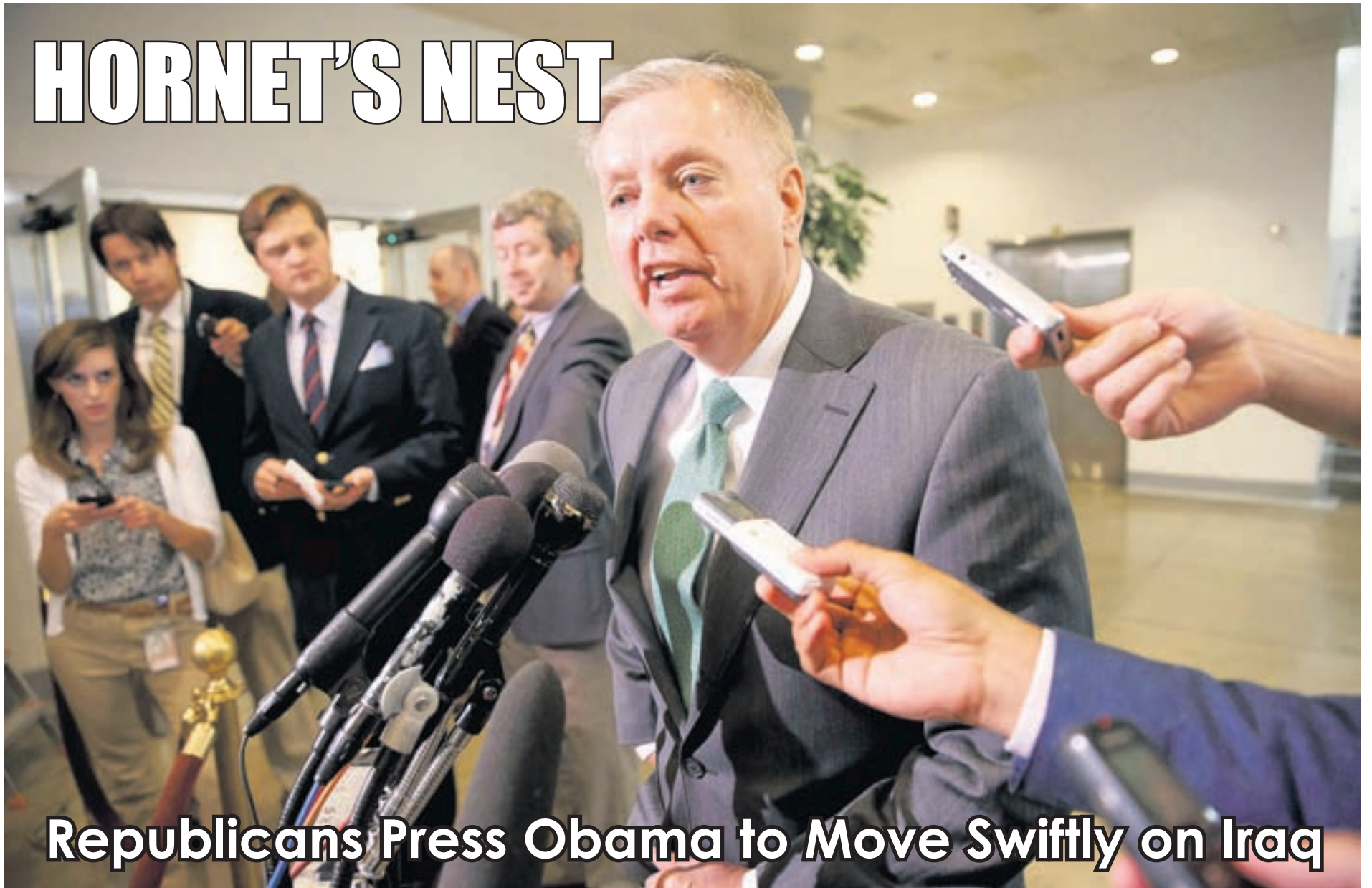
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Republicans Press Obama to Move Swiftly on Iraq

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday. Graham and other leading Republican lawmakers called on the Obama administration Sunday to take immediate action, in conjunction with allies in the Middle East and possibly even with Iran, to halt the surprisingly swift progress of Islamic extremist forces in Iraq.

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Middle East and possibly even with Iran, to halt the surprisingly swift progress of Islamic extremist forces in Iraq.

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McCaul, R-Texas, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, suggested that President Barack Obama deploy ground troops.

But Rogers and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said that airstrikes might be neces-

sary.

Rogers, appearing on "Fox News Sunday," rejected Obama's insistence that any new support for the embattled Iraqi government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who is a Shiite, would be contingent on

al-Maliki's moves to reconcile with the nation's Sunni and Kurdish populations. No reconciliation is in sight, Rogers said.

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Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Juan Manuel Santos convincingly won re-election Sunday after Colombia's tightest presidential contest in years, an endorsement of his 18-month-old peace talks to end the Western Hemisphere's longest-running conflict. Santos defeated right-wing challenger Oscar Ivan Zuluaga with 53 percent-to-47 percent of valid votes, with 98 percent of precincts reporting less than an hour after polls closed.

Zuluaga was backed by former two-term President Alvaro Uribe, who many considered the true chal-

lenger. They had accused Santos of selling Colombia out in the Cuba-based negotiations and insisted Zuluaga would halt the talks unless the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, ceased all hostilities.

The outcome affirmed Santos' position that he has steered Colombia to a historic crossroads after a half-century of conflict that claimed more than 200,000 lives, most of them civilians. The campaign has been the Andean nation's dirtiest in years, and Uribe continued to alleged widespread

fraud by the Santos camp right up to the closing of polls. Zuluaga shocked the incumbent's camp by outpolling Santos in the May 25 five-candidate first round of voting. Zuluaga and Uribe had accused Santos, grandnephew of a president from a blue-blood Bogota clan that formerly owned the newspaper El Tiempo, of offering impunity to the rebels.

Bogota industrial designer Felipe Quintero said he voted for Zuluaga, a previously little-known finance minister during Uribe's administration, because Santos was conceding too much

three Colombian presidential Cabinets prior to his own presidency. He also got the backing of 80 top business leaders last week as he announced exploratory talks with the National Liberation Army, Colombia's other, far smaller rebel band. Beyond betting his future on peace, Santos has improved ties with the leftist governments of neighboring Venezuela and Ecuador, a sharp contrast to Uribe.

Yet the incumbent has a "severe likeability and trust problem," said analyst Adam Isacson of the Washington Office on Latin America, saying the president has been "unable to



President Juan Manuel Santos speaks after voting in presidential elections in Bogota, Colombia, Sunday, June 15, 2014. Santos convincingly won re-election Sunday after Colombia's tightest presidential contest in years. Next to Santos first lady Maria Clemencia Rodriguez, second right, and their children, Maria Antonia Santos, first right, Martin Santos, first left, and Esteban Santos, second left.

(AP Photo/Javier Galeano)

to rebels. "They need to be punished, not to be rewarded with liberty" and seats in Congress, Quintero said. Santos, 62, denied he would let war criminals go unpunished. And he is no dove. As Uribe's defense minister and then president, he helped professionalize Colombia's U.S.-backed military and wielded it to badly weaken the FARC, including killing its top three leaders. The bulk of Colombia's left endorsed Santos, a University of Kansas-educated economist and veteran of

shake the image of an out-of-touch Bogota aristocrat who will promise everything and deliver little." Bogota business consultant Maria Eugenia Silva cited a big reason many Colombians voted for Santos despite his faults: Alvaro Uribe. "The eight years he was president were a time of some of the works corruption and biggest scandals," she said. With Uribe the power behind Zuluaga's bid, a victory for his candidate would have lessened chances the former leader could face prosecution for alleged crimes, including human rights violations. □

shaken during the global recession. □

LATIN & CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Jamaica police arrests 10 in lottery scam

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — A police task force in Jamaica arrested 10 people on suspicion of involvement in the Caribbean country's lottery scam rings, authorities said Sunday. The island's Lottery Scam Task Force made the arrests during an operation in Browns Town in the mostly rural parish of St. Ann. Computers allegedly containing lottery scam documents and other devices were seized from several homes, according to police. The 10 suspects in custody were being questioned Sunday and formal charges are expected to be filed. Their identities have not been released. The scam often targets elderly Americans and typically begins with a phone call that informs targets that they have won an international lottery, but they first need to wire money to cover taxes. □

Amazon mine standoff with Indians ends

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A two-day standoff with Indians who had blocked an entrance to a mining project in the Amazon where 50 workers were holed up has ended peacefully. Vale SA said in a statement early Sunday that the 400 Indians had been blocking the main entrance to its Onca Puma nickel mine in Para state. Negotiations over the Indians demands will resume on Monday, the company said. The members of the Xikrin tribe had threatened to set fire to the mining project. Brazil's biggest mining company said the Indians are seeking to modify an agreement to mitigate the mine's impact on its community's development. While Vale said it's open to discussing the tribe's demands it repudiates the use of violence that puts at risk employees' security. □

Politician's car hits bus in Haiti; 11 dead

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A police official said Sunday that a Haitian legislator driving an SUV slammed into a small passenger bus killing 11 people, including an infant. Seme Calixte, commissioner of the police in the western town of Saint Marc, said authorities suspect the lawmaker was speeding when he lost control of his four-wheel drive in the Artibonite region. Calixte identified the driver as Jules Lionel Anelus, a member of Haiti's lower house Chamber of Deputies. The police commissioner said Sunday that the infant and the child's mother were among those killed in a colorfully-painted bus known as a "tap tap." Another 10 people including Anelus were injured in the Saturday afternoon crash, which is still being investigated. Deadly traffic accidents are common in Haiti. □

New PM sworn in after sweep in Antigua

ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA (AP) — A new prime minister was sworn into office this weekend in Antigua following a sweep of parliamentary elections by the country's Labor Party. Gaston Browne became the new prime minister of the two-island nation of Antigua and Barbuda after his Labor Party won 14 of 17 seats in the Parliament, according to the elections office. At 47, he is the youngest prime minister in the country's history. Ousted Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer barely held onto his own seat as his United Progressive Party was swept out after 10 years in power. The Organization of American States said its observers found the election to be well-run. Antigua, with a population of about 90,000 people is heavily dependent on tourism, and it struggled during the global recession. □

Republicans press Obama to move swiftly on Iraq

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"This whole notion of Sunni vs. Shia is wrong," he said. "Not every Sunni has joined al-Qaida."

He suggested that the United States quickly chart a joint approach with the 22-nation Arab League, and said that the U.S. military could provide it with command-and-control assistance, intelligence and help with the selection of military targets.

It is not clear, however, that the Arab League, which includes some major Sunni powers, could muster a common approach against the mainly Sunni militants in Iraq. When the Arab group convened in Kuwait in March, its leaders feuded openly over issues like how to deal with Islamic militants fighting the Syrian government.

Both Rogers and McCaul firmly rejected the sug-

gestion by President Hassan Rouhani of Iran that his country could help the al-Maliki government repel the extremist threat, possibly even by working with the United States.

"Don't think for a minute that Iran's not looking at this vacuum as a potential power grab as well," McCaul said. "And I think we need to be very cognizant of that fact."

Graham, unlike the two other legislators, said that it might be necessary to cooperate with Iran to keep Baghdad from being overrun.

"The Iranians can provide some assets to make sure Baghdad doesn't fall," he said. "We need to coordinate with the Iranians. And the Turks need to get in the game and get the Sunni Arabs back into the game, form a new government without" al-Maliki.

Both Rogers and McCaul warned that the extremists'



Rep. Mike Rogers, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

resurgence across parts of Syria and Iraq could evolve into one of the greatest terrorist threats since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, as hundreds of Westerners who have joined the militant forces eventually may return to Europe or the U.S.

"You have an al-Qaida army on the move" in Iraq, using exceptionally brutal tactics, said Rogers, adding, "This is as dangerous as it gets."

McCaul said he had told the White House, which sought his advice, that he

would immediately send Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Secretary of State John Kerry to work with U.S. allies in the region on a broader strategy, "because, you know, look, without their cooperation against the extremists, this is not going to happen."

In contrast to Rogers, McCaul said he would press for sectarian reconciliation in Iraq.

But he, too, injected a note of urgency, saying, "We need to stop this, but the action needs to be now, not two weeks down the road." He appeared on the ABC News program "This Week."

Graham, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that he found it "stunning" that no one in Congress was demanding a voice before Obama decides on possible military action in Iraq, years after the U.S. combat role ended. □



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At Commencement;

Obama mocks lawmakers who deny climate change



President Barack Obama gestures to the crowd during a commencement ceremony at the University of California at Irvine, June 14, 2014. Obama, trying to seize the high ground after his recent move to cut carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants, ridiculed members of Congress on Saturday for denying climate change or pleading scientific ignorance as an alibi for avoiding an inconvenient truth. (Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

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ANAHEIM, Calif. - President Barack Obama, appearing emboldened after his recent move to cut carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants, on Saturday ridiculed members of Congress who deny climate change or plead scientific ignorance as an alibi for avoiding an uncomfortable truth.

Speaking in gleefully sarcastic terms to a commencement ceremony at the University of California, Irvine, Obama likened those who deny climate change to people who would have told President John F. Kennedy, at the dawn of the space program, that the moon "was made of cheese."

He saved his most scathing words for lawmakers who say they are not qualified to judge the issue because they are not scientists. These people, the president said, recognize the truth but will not utter it for fear of being "run out of town by a radical fringe that thinks climate science is a liberal plot."

"I'm not a scientist either," Obama told this young audience, "but we've got some good ones at NASA. I do know the overwhelming majority of scientists who work on climate change, including some who once disputed the data, have put the debate to rest."

The president also said he had hit upon a novel way to speed up and improve the nation's response to hurricanes, floods, droughts, tornadoes, wildfires, mudslides and other natural disasters: Make states and cities compete for grants from a \$1 billion natural disaster fund.

Obama announced the competition, which would award funds to state and local authorities with the most innovative plans for rebuilding in a way that protects against future disasters. The money would come from existing federal recovery funds, with \$180

million of the total reserved for states devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

"We also have to realize, as hundreds of scientists declared last month, that climate change is no longer a distant threat, but 'has moved firmly into the present,'" Obama said. "In some parts of the country, weather-related disasters like droughts, fires, storms and floods are going to get harsher, and they're going to get costlier."

Obama's remarks came during a four-day visit to the West Coast that has been shadowed by the crisis in Iraq. White House officials said the president spoke by phone with his national security adviser, Susan E. Rice, on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Rice and other aides were meeting in Washington to develop military options for Obama. Determined not to let the crisis paralyze his schedule, Obama kept the focus firmly on climate change Saturday.

This month he announced regulations that would cut carbon-dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants 30 percent from 2005 levels by 2030.

Obama can push through this measure without congressional legislation, though lawmakers might try to block it. So in speeches to friendly crowds like this one, he has reveled in portraying his Republican opponents as a sort of flat-Earth society.

"Today's Congress," he declared, "is full of folks who stubbornly and automatically reject the scientific evidence. They will tell you climate change is a hoax or a fad. One member of Congress actually says the world might be cooling."

Lest his message veer too much into partisan sniping, Obama added, "I want to tell you this to light a fire under you. As the generation getting shortchanged by inaction on this issue, I want to tell you that you cannot accept that this is the way it has to be." □

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Republicans seek answers in Cantor's primary loss



House Majority Whip, Republican Kevin McCarthy of Calif., leaves House Speaker John Boehner's office on Capitol Hill in Washington. Emboldened conservatives are promising to make themselves heard on Capitol Hill like never before in the wake of Majority Leader Eric Cantor's surprise defeat to an unknown with tea party backing.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans, including the vanquished House majority leader himself, on Sunday considered Rep. Eric Cantor's primary loss last week to a little-known tea party challenger and what it means for the party heading forward.

The monumental rejection of House Republicans' No. 2 lawmaker in a primary election in his Virginia district left many in Washington stunned and searching for a way to prevent another upset. Following his defeat, Cantor announced he would soon step down from his House leadership post but serve the remainder of his term.

"I don't think there's any one particular reason why the outcome was what it was," Cantor said, adding, "I don't think anybody in the country thought that the outcome would be what it was."

Fellow Republicans offered a litany of reasons but no single flaw fueling Cantor's loss.

"People are making all kinds of claims about what happened or didn't happen in this primary without actually realizing what the facts were on the ground," said Rep. Greg Walden, who runs the Republicans'

House campaign committee.

Cantor's challenger, economics professor Dave Brat, campaigned against Washington as a whole and railed hard against the 7-term incumbent for seeming to be flexible on an immigration overhaul. At the same time, Cantor did not take his challenger seriously and was not in his district enough for some voters. Brat had the support of ultraconservative tea party activists who oppose any path to citizenship for immigrants in the U.S. illegally and advocate deep spending cuts to reduce the federal deficit. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who unsuccessfully ran for president in 2008 and 2012, said pundits were making too much of Cantor's defeat.

"I know it's our inclination to look at races and suggest that somehow a national movement is causing what occurs," Romney said.

Instead, Romney and others urged, party leaders need to consider all of the factors that went into Cantor's loss.

"I don't think Eric got beat because of his stand on immigration. I think he got beat because of his lack of defining himself on immigration," said Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Graham faced much the same criticism that Cantor faced after backing a bipartisan immigration reform bill that passed the Senate but stalled in the House. Graham spent heavily, campaigned hard throughout South Carolina and avoided a runoff against a crowded field of underfunded rivals.

"Politics is war in another form," Graham said.

Former Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, who lost last year's gubernatorial election, said Cantor didn't do enough to remind voters in his district why they had re-elected him every time he's run since 2000.

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Supreme Court has 17 cases to decide by June's end

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's crunch time at the U.S. Supreme Court, where the justices are racing to issue opinions in 17 cases over the next two weeks. The religious rights of corporations, the speech rights of abortion protesters and the privacy rights of people under arrest are among the significant issues that are so far unresolved. Summer travel, European teaching gigs and relaxation beckon the justices, but only after the court hands down decisions in all the cases it has heard since

October. In rare instances, the justices will put off decisions and order a case to be argued again in the next term. This is also the time of the year when a justice could announce a retirement. But the oldest of the justices, 81-year-old Ruth Bader Ginsburg, has signaled she will serve at least one more year, and maybe longer. The justices will meet Monday and again on Thursday to issue opinions, and could wind up their work by the end of the month. A look at some of the cases that remain:



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— **ABORTION CLINIC BUFFER ZONES:** Abortion opponents are challenging as a violation of their free speech rights a Massachusetts law mandating a 35-foot (10.5-meter) protest-free zone on public sidewalks outside abortion clinics.

— **CELLPHONE SEARCHES:** Two cases weigh the power of police to search the cellphones of people they

place under arrest without first obtaining a warrant from a judge.

— **Recess presidential appointments:** A federal appeals court said President Barack Obama misused the Constitution's recess power when he temporarily filled positions on the National Labor Relations Board in 2012.

— **TV ON THE INTERNET:** Broadcasters are fighting Internet startup Aereo's practice of taking television programming for free and providing it to subscribers who can then watch on smartphones and other portable devices.

— **GREENHOUSE GASES:** Industry groups assert that environmental regulators overstepped their bounds by trying to apply a provision of the Clean Air Act to

control emissions of greenhouse gases from power plants and factories. This case is unlikely to affect the recent proposal from the Environmental Protection Agency to slash carbon dioxide emissions from power plants by nearly one-third by 2030; that plan involves a different part of the same law.

— **UNION FEES:** Home health care workers in Illinois want the court to rule that public sector unions cannot collect fees from workers who object to being affiliated with a union.

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Gun control group marches across Brooklyn Bridge

JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — More than 1,000 demonstrators — including nearly 100 from Newtown, Connecticut, the site of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting rampage — marched across the Brooklyn Bridge this weekend, demanding that action be taken to stem the recent wave of mass shootings across the U.S. Some carried photos of loved ones cut down by a bullet. Others held signs imploring Congress to act. And nearly all shouted out “Not one more,” a tear-stained rallying cry embraced by those who believe the U.S. needs tougher gun control laws. The event on Saturday was organized by several

groups — including Moms Demand Action, Everytown For Gun Safety and Mayors Against Illegal Guns — which are all funded by former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. The billionaire Bloomberg, who was not in attendance, has become one of the most visible gun control advocates in the U.S. and has pumped millions of his own money into the cause. “I want to see our laws protect our children, not our gun lobbyists,” said Andrew Morosky, 48, who lives in Newtown and whose children were friends with some of the 20 students who were killed along with six educators. “After what happened, I felt like I had to do something. I sat on the sidelines for too long.” The rally began in down-



Demonstrators raises posters as they march across the Brooklyn Bridge to call for tougher gun control laws, Saturday, June 14, 2014, in New York. The protest was underwritten by former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, one of the most visible gun control advocates in the U.S., and included relatives of some of those slain in the 2012 shooting rampage at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

town Brooklyn, where many chanted “Not one more.” That was cry uttered by Richard Martinez, whose son Christopher was shot

to death in Santa Barbara, California, last month, when a young man went on a deadly rampage in the college town.

“We have to stop the madness,” said U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a New York Democrat. “Too many people have died, and too many lobbyists have lied.” As the marchers slowly moved across the bridge toward Manhattan, many carried signs that read “Enough is Enough” and “Why are our kids dying while Congress does nothing?” Several dozen cars driving on the busy bridge beeped their horns in approval. Shannon Watts, who organized the group Moms Demand Action; Erica Lafferty, whose mother, Dawn Hochspring, was slain at Sandy Hook; and actress Amanda Peet urged the crowd to bombard their elected officials with requests for stricter fire-arms restrictions.



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US Financial Front:

A Summer Job Is Valuable, if a Teenager Can Land One

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Hunter-John Hurst, 16, of Raleigh, North Carolina, is a living example of a modern-day conundrum. Like many others his age, he needs to earn money this summer. But finding a job is tougher than ever, with the number of teenagers employed nationwide at a near-historical low.

He watched some of his friends land work - often with the help of their parents. But when his search failed to turn up a single offer, he decided to turn one of his chores - washing his parents' cars - into a business. He printed up some fliers offering car cleaning services - known in the trade as detailing - at \$35 for a car, \$45 for an SUV.

A few days into his new business, he's feeling the glow of early success. "It takes about an hour a car and I can make more money than I would at a regular job," he said. And it's more fun than the lawn mowing he did last summer.

Hurst has company in his desperate quest for summer work and the need to get creative. About 25 percent of the nation's 16- to 19-year-olds were in the workforce in 2013, compared with 45 percent in 2000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Failing to find work doesn't just mean a shortage of cash in the near term. A study released in March by the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program said finding a job when you're older is harder if you haven't worked during your teenage years.

In addition, "research shows those who work in high school have wages

10 to 15 percent higher when they graduate from college," said Ishwar Khatiwada, a co-author of the study and an associate director of research at Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies.



Hunter-John Hurst washes cars as a summer job in Holly Springs, N.C., June 11, 2014. Only around 25 percent of American 16- to 19-year-olds are in the work force in 2013, compared with 45 percent in 2000 -- a worrisome trend, given studies that show finding work as an adult is harder for those who did not work in their teenage years.

(Ted Richardson/The New York Times)

Since 1948, the percentage of teenagers in the workforce had stayed relatively flat at 40 percent or so, dropping to 37 percent in the mid-1960s and rising to a high of 48.5 in 1979. But that trend began to reverse in the early 2000s and never rebounded, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The trend holds true when looking solely at summertime employment.

Low-income and minority teenagers are particularly hard hit; only about 17 percent of African-American 16- to 19-year-olds were employed in 2013.

The story behind the low employment numbers is more complex than it first

appears. While many teenagers are unable to find jobs, others place a higher value on summer school and pre-college summer programs, which are far more popular than in the past, according to a report

out by not learning what working is," he said. They're also missing the process of job hunting. Part of the experience is developing persistence and the all-important skills of shaking hands, answering ques-

charges a \$39 fee for premium options that include job listings.

She encourages teenagers who can't find work to think about creating their own jobs.

"If someone says, 'I went to 15 different pet stores and got nothing,' maybe start a dog-walking business."

Deshawn Childress, 18, of New York, is using the website as one way to look for a job. He just finished high school and has applied to many places, including fast-food and retail stores, so far without success.

He's hoping a relative might help him land a position where he could continue working when he goes to community college in the fall, but he admits he's discouraged.

"There's a lot of competition," he said. And he's frustrated that his volunteer work doesn't seem to make a difference.

"People say volunteering is part of the work experience," but employers don't seem to view it as real experience, Childress said.

While job seekers can try innovative ways to attack the job shortage problem, the Brookings Institution study said high teenage unemployment also needed to be addressed through public policy. More programs in high schools and community colleges, for example, like work-based learning, where students learn technical, academic and employability skills in a real work environment, could help. More subsidized job programs are also needed, as well as classes that teach teenagers skills like interviewing and résumé writing, the report said. □

by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on declining summer employment rates for teenagers.

In more affluent areas, large numbers of teenagers play year-round sports that leave little time for work. Others, with an eye toward building résumés, perform community service or find unpaid internships.

"Real work experience is being displaced by summer and travel programs," said John Challenger, executive officer of outplacement company Challenger, Gray & Christmas. But he says he doesn't think that is necessarily a good thing.

"A lot of kids are missing

tions clearly and looking someone in the eye.

For many teenagers, jobs are much more than an experience; they're a necessity. But over the years, the lower-level jobs that were once the entryway to employment for young people are being filled by older people who have remained in or returned to the workforce, or by foreign-born workers, Khatiwada said.

In addition, the number of federally funded summer jobs has diminished.

Entrepreneurs like Renée Ward have turned to helping teenagers find jobs. Her site, www.teens4hire.org, offers some free advice and job-hunting tips, but



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Pakistani military bombs suspected militant hide-outs

ISMAIL KHAN

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PESHAWAR, Pakistan - The Pakistani military on Sunday announced that it had launched a "comprehensive operation" against foreign and local militants hiding in the tribal region near the border with Afghanistan.

In a prelude to the announced offensive, Pakistani fighter jets pounded suspected militant hide-outs in Pakistan's tribal belt early Sunday, killing at least 50 fighters, many of them foreigners. Military officials called those attacks a reprisal for the militants' assault on the Karachi airport one week ago.

In the days after the Karachi assault, military officials had hinted that plans were underway for a major operation in the northwestern tribal belt, primarily in North Waziristan.

And last week, U.S. drones attacked militant targets twice in the region after an almost six-month lull in the drone operations while Pakistani officials tried and failed to negotiate a peace deal with the Taliban.

The military, which said in a statement Sunday that the offensive was launched at the direction of the Pakistani government, offered no details about how many troops were involved or how the operation would be carried out.

According to the military's statement, the militants in North Waziristan have "waged a war against the state of Pakistan" and have been "disrupting our national life in all its dimensions, stunting our economic growth and causing enormous loss of life and property."

Militants post images of mass killing in Iraq

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BAGHDAD (AP) — As the Iraqi government bolstered Baghdad's defenses Sunday, the Islamic militant group that captured two major cities last week posted graphic photos that appeared to show its fighters massacring dozens of captured Iraqi soldiers.

The pictures on a militant website appear to show

ies further south housing revered Shiite shrines.

While the city of seven million is not in any immediate danger of falling into the hands of the militants, Sunday's bombings could raise tensions.

Food prices in the city have risen, twofold in some cases, because of disruption to transport on the main road heading north from the capital.

The government bolstered

hospital officials said. One car bomb went off in the city center, killing 10 and wounding 21. After nightfall, another explosion hit the area, killing two and wounding five. The third went off near a falafel shop in the city's sprawling Sadr City district, killing three and wounding seven.

Baghdad has seen an escalation in suicide and car bombings in recent months, mostly targeting

thin traffic and few shoppers in commercial areas.

At one popular park along the Tigris river, only a fraction of the thousands who usually head there were present on Sunday evening.

In the commercial Karada district in central Baghdad, many of the sidewalk hawkers who sell anything from shoes to toys and clothes were absent.

The crisis in Iraq has prompted the United States to order an aircraft carrier into the Persian Gulf. It also laid out specific ways for Iraq to show it is forging the national unity necessary to gain assistance in its fight against the ISIL and other militants.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Saturday ordered the USS George H.W. Bush from the northern Arabian Sea as President Barack Obama considered possible military options for Iraq. Hagel's press secretary, Rear Adm. John Kirby, said the move will give Obama additional flexibility if military action were required to protect American citizens and interests in Iraq.

Accompanying the carrier will be the guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea and the guided-missile destroyer USS Truxtun. The ships, which carry Tomahawk missiles that could reach Iraq, were expected to complete their move into the Persian Gulf by the end of the day. The Bush's fighter jets also could easily reach Iraq.

In neighboring Iran, the acting commander of the Islamic Republic's army ground forces, Gen. Kio-mars Heidari, said Iran has increased its defenses along its western border with Iraq, though there was no immediate threat to the frontier.



This image posted on a militant website on Saturday, June 14, 2014, which has been verified and is consistent with other AP reporting, appears to show militants from the al-Qaida-inspired Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) leading away captured Iraqi soldiers dressed in plain clothes after taking over a base in Tikrit, Iraq.

(AP Photo via militant website)

masked fighters of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL, loading the captives onto flatbed trucks before forcing them to lie face-down in a shallow ditch with their arms tied behind their backs. The final images show the bodies of the captives soaked in blood after being shot.

The grisly images could further sharpen sectarian tensions as hundreds of Shiites heed a call from their most revered spiritual leader to take up arms against the Sunni militants who have swept across the north. ISIL has vowed to take the battle to Baghdad and cit-

defenses around Baghdad Sunday, a day after hundreds of Shiite men paraded through the streets with arms in response to a call by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani for Iraqis to defend their country. ISIL has vowed to attack Baghdad but its advance to the south seems to have stalled in recent days.

Thousands of Shiites have also volunteered to join the fight against the ISIL, also in response to al-Sistani's call. Despite the added security, a string of explosions killed at least 15 people and wounded more than 30 in the city, police and

Shiite neighborhoods or security forces. The police and hospital officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Armed police, including SWAT teams, were seen over the weekend manning checkpoints in Baghdad, searching vehicles and checking drivers' documents. Security was particularly tightened on the northern and western approaches of the city, the likely targets of any advance by ISIL fighters on the capital. The city looked gloomy on Sunday, with



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Roadside bomb kills 11 after Afghan elections

RAHIM FAIEZ

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —

Insurgents cut the fingers off nearly a dozen voters and killed 11 other people, including four election workers, to punish them for voting in this weekend's presidential runoff, officials said Sunday. The Taliban had warned people not to participate in Saturday's vote. The two candidates, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah and former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, have both vowed to improve ties with the West and sign a long-delayed security pact allowing nearly 10,000 U.S. troops to remain in the country for two more years. Afghanistan was relatively quiet the day after the second round of voting as the process of counting the votes began. Official preliminary results were to be announced on July 2, with final results released on July 22. The commission plans to release partial results in the coming weeks.

The voting was relatively

peaceful despite a series of rocket barrages and other scattered attacks that Interior Minister Mohammad Umar Daudzai said killed 47 people, including 20 civilians and an election commission worker. He said 60 militants were killed.

Later on Saturday a minibus hit an improvised explosive device in the northern Samangan province, with the blast killing six women, one child and four men in the provincial capital Aybak, said Sediq Azizi, spokesman for the provincial governor. Azizi said four of the victims were employees of the election commission, which organized Saturday's vote. It was not immediately clear if they were the target of the explosion.

In a separate incident, the Taliban cut off the index fingers of 11 civilians on Saturday in western Herat province to punish them for voting, police spokesman Raoud Ahamdi said.

The United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan condemned the mutilations in Herat.



Afghanistan's presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah, center, arrives for a news conference in Kabul, Afghanistan, Sunday, June 15, 2014. The two candidates, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah and former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, have both vowed to improve ties with the West.

(AP Photo/Massoud Hossaini)

"Like millions of their countrymen and women, these ordinary Afghans were exercising their fundamental right to determine the future path of their country through voting and not through violence and intimidation. By their vote,

they already defeated those who promote terror and violence," said Jan Kubis, the U.N. special representative.

In the southern Kandahar province police said they raided a building on Sunday that had been occu-

pied by the Taliban the day before, setting off clashes in which police shot dead two would-be suicide bombers but were unable to prevent another two from blowing themselves up, killing three policemen and wounding another two. □

Netanyahu blames Hamas in youths' kidnapping

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JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday squarely blamed the militant Palestinian movement Hamas for the kidnapping of three Israeli teenagers, as Israel's military closed off part of the southern West Bank after arresting 80 people overnight, many of them Hamas activists.

"The kidnapping was carried out by Hamas members," Netanyahu said in a rare English statement aimed at galvanizing international attention. "We know that for a fact." The prime minister said the "attack should surprise no

one," because "Hamas is committed to the destruction of Israel and to carrying out terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians - including children.

"Israel holds President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority responsible, Netanyahu said.

The huge Israeli military mobilization in the southern West Bank to search for the three teenagers threatened to further destabilize Israeli-Palestinian relations, which were already strained by Abbas' formation of a new government this month after reconciling with the Islamist Hamas. Though the Palestinian Authority's security forces

have cooperated with Israel in the search for the kidnappers, Hamas' leaders have been celebrating the abduction as an act of resistance against Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory.

The teenagers, Eyal Yifrach, 19, and Gilad Shaar and Naftali Frankel, both 16, were last heard from Thursday night as they tried to hitchhike home from Jewish settlements in the West Bank where they study in yeshivas. In an emotional statement broadcast Sunday on the radio, Frankel's mother, Rachel Frankel, spoke directly to her son, who holds both Israeli and U.S. citizenship. □

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Pope laments a 'tired' Europe; decries joblessness

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Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis on Sunday criticized Europe for becoming what he called "tired" because of low birth rates and the increasing numbers of young people who neither work nor study. Francis delivered the harsh assessment as he visited an ancient Rome basilica in Trastevere, a traditionally working-class neighborhood that is also home to a Catholic organization, Sant'Egidio Community, whose volunteers help the elderly, immigrants and other needy. Francis said Europe often "discards" both its elderly, by shunting them aside, and its young, by failing to provide work. "A people which doesn't

care for its elderly, which doesn't take care of its young people, is a people without a future, a people without hope," Francis said. The pope said by helping both young and old, "you begin to renew society." As he did earlier in the day, when he addressed tens of thousands of faithful in St. Peter's Square, Francis asked for others' prayers. "You need to pray for me in overtime," Francis quipped. Last week, Francis canceled two days of meetings after coming down with what the Vatican would only describe as a "mild" illness. He was back in the public eye Wednesday, appearing to hold up well in the hot, humid heat during his weekly audience. □



Pope Francis arrives for a meeting with members of St. Egidio's Community in Rome, Sunday, June 15, 2014. Pope Francis is criticizing Europe for becoming "tired" because of low birth rates and increasing numbers of young people who neither work nor study.

(AP Photo/Riccardo De Luca)

Ukraine vows to punish rebels who downed plane

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NOVOHANNIVKA, Ukraine
(AP) — Ukraine's new president declared Sunday a day of mourning and vowed to punish those responsible after pro-Russia separatists shot down a Ukrainian military transport plane, killing all 49 crew and troops aboard. It was a bitter setback for the Ukrainian forces — the deadliest single incident yet in their escalating battle against an armed insurgency that the government, backed by the U.S., insists is supported by Russia. The downing of the plane drew condemnation and concern from the White

House, European leaders and U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon. Analysts said it could bring a renewed emphasis on increasing sanctions against Russia. "(This) will refocus attention on the fact that Russia does not seem to be doing very much to moderate the insurgency (or) the cross-border resupply of separatists," said Timothy Ash, an analyst at Standard Bank PLC. "I would expect the focus to return to sanctions next week." Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko spoke firmly to glum-faced security officials at a televised emergency meeting Saturday, scolding the head of the country's SBU security service for "omissions" in measures to protect military aircraft.

Poroshenko called for "a detailed analysis of the reasons" for the lapse and hinted that personnel changes were imminent. His office said he vowed to punish "those responsible for the tragedy in Luhansk." In a conversation with French President Francois Hollande, Poroshenko expressed hope that the European Union would decide on further sanctions against Russia if what he called the illegal border crossings and the supply of weapons did not cease. Nine crew and 40 troops were aboard the Il-76 troop transport when it went down early Saturday as it approached the airport at Luhansk, the Ukrainian prosecutor general's office said. □

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Cuba ballplayers now chase dreams overseas

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Yulieski Gourriel's cellphone rang again and again as he strode, family in tow, through Havana's international airport. Friends calling to wish him well, he said. Travelers and airport workers approached to ask for autographs and have their picture taken with one of Cuba's biggest baseball stars as he readied for a transoceanic flight to join his new team: the DeNA BayStars of Yokohama, Japan. "Good luck Yuli!" some fans cried.

Weeks after the spring-time close of the domestic league, the first Cuban ballplayers are competing abroad under last year's historic reversal of a Marxist-inspired professional sports ban in place since 1961.

It's a tectonic shift for players like Gourriel, who signed a reported \$980,000 contract with Yokohama for the next half-year. In Japan, he joined fellow Cuban Frederick Cepeda, who is reportedly hauling in \$1.5 million with the Yomiuri Giants.

"I've been waiting for this opportunity for a long time. I want to know what Yulieski's ceiling is as a player," Gourriel said. "For me it's a dream come true to play professional baseball in Japan, the second-best (league) in the world after the United States."

For Cuban ballplayers, chasing the pro dream has long meant abandoning the national team at an overseas tournament and requesting asylum, or attempting a risky high-seas escape. Getting caught could mean a long suspension or even a ban from the sport.

Many tried regardless, lured by the chance to prove themselves at the sport's highest level and the promise of a fat-cat contract in the United States. Consider Yasiel Puig, who inked a seven-year, \$42 million deal and debuted with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2013, or Jose Abreu, who signed for \$68 million with the Chi-

cago White Sox.

Gourriel's and Cepeda's salaries fall far short of those, and it's still unknown how much the taxman back home intends to take. But the contracts almost certainly vault them into Cuba's figurative 1 percent after years of making just a few dozen dollars a month plus bonuses.

"Yulieski and the other Cubans have representatives who are going to take care of the money side," said his father, Lourdes Gourriel. The windfall will be "a great help for the player and all his family."

The new rules let islanders play overseas as long as they fulfill their commitment to the domestic league and international competitions, so both Gourriel and Cepeda are scheduled to be back for Cuba's winter league in November.

Some Cuban baseball players have been allowed to compete abroad before, such as Omar Linares, who played in Japan in 2000. But that usually happened only at the close of a long career; Gourriel and Cepeda are blazing a trail as the first players active on Cuban rosters to go abroad for temporary stints, with the blessing of sports authorities in the Communist-run nation.

Arriving in Japan, Gourriel spent just a few days with a minor league team before being called up to the BayStars. In his first three games he hit .417 with a home run two RBIs. Another Cuban star, Alfredo Despaigne, had a splash debut in Mexico this spring with the Campeche Pirates. He hit .346 with five HRs over 20 games before league authorities sent him packing after ruling he was registered with a fake Dominican passport under circumstances that remain murky.

The Cubans allowed to play abroad are a staple on state TV newscasts back home and government-run websites that post videos of their home runs. In stark contrast, the names of defecting players all but vanish from official media.



Yulieski Gourriel, center, a player with Cuba's baseball team Industriales, poses for a photo with a fan before catching his flight at the Jose Marti International Airport, in Havana, Cuba. Gourriel signed a contract with the DeNA BayStars of Yokohama, Japan for the next half-year.

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action over snacks and drinks, surrounded by appreciative members of management. Pictured here, a fun afternoon at La Cabana Beach Resort

& Casino as Father's Day is celebrated in community. While almost all resort associates rooted for the Netherlands, and were dressed in orange from tip to toe, General Manager Joe Najjar sported the Spanish team jersey. At the end of the afternoon, while

Spain lost the game Joe didn't lose the faith and expressed his hope for redemption during the next encounter. That said, Joe's resort associates retorted, no why, the Dutch will continue their rise to victory despite a Spanish-fan General Manager.

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PALM BEACH - Members of management joined the entire Radisson Aruba Resort staff for a special luncheon celebration at the Grand Caribbean Ballroom recognizing nominees and winners of the coveted Colleague of the Month title, as well as nominees and winners of the coveted Supervisor of the Quarter title. The happy gathering also recognized career milestones for colleagues who celebrated their anniversaries during



the first quarter of 2014. Two much-anticipated awards were personally bestowed by Mark Lyttleton Frances, resort General Manager, namely the GM's Clean & Tidy Award which went to Roque Martinez a dedicated pool and beach colleague and the GM's Award for



Service, recognizing the tireless Rudy Maduro, who works his magic in the Food & Beverage department.

Winners Elizabeth Cordoba for January, Christina Adams, for February and Sheila Morales for March joined Supervisor of the First Quar-



ter Helena Dake on stage to receive public praise and a round of applause besides the resort's heartfelt tokens of appreciation. Also nominated for excellent work ethics in January were Jairo Maduro, Daisy Cardona, Errol da Costa, Betico Flanegin and Marina Carti. Nominated in February for their stellar conduct were Mary Fingal, John Lake, Maria Medina and Rosemarie St Felix. Nominated in March for their dedication to the resort were Alejandra Puerta, Rainer Wever, and Enrique Lacle. Marlin Erasmus and Juan Carlos Thiel were co-nominated for the Supervisor of the First Quarter award with multiple time

winner Helena Dake. Long term careers with the resort were feted for anniversaries taking place in January, including General Manager Marc Lyttleton Frances, and colleagues Sue Anne Lacle, Melania Wolff, Glenda Djaoen and Glenda Tromp. Celebrating their anniversaries in February Nikita Croes, Mary Fingal, Albert de la Cruz, Devulo Escalona, Regenique Giel, Ramon Polanco, Sylvia Wilson, Melissa Kock, Angeline Dijkhoff, Maikel Ras, Ricardo Maduro and Minerva Pantophlet, joining Elizair Pourier, America Schmidt and Harkin Henry, who celebrated their career milestone in March.



Martin Kaymer, of Germany, holds up the trophy after winning the U.S. Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., Sunday, June 15, 2014.

Associated Press

Kaymer closes out wire-to-wire U.S. Open win

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) —

Martin Kaymer returned to the elite in golf with a U.S. Open victory that ranks among the best.

A forgotten star for two years while building a complete game, Kaymer turned the toughest test of golf into a runaway at Pinehurst No. 2 on Sunday to become only the seventh wire-to-wire winner in 114 years of the U.S. Open. Kaymer closed with a 1-under 69 — the only player from the last eight groups to break par — for an eight-shot victory over Rickie Fowler and Erik Compton, the two-time heart transplant recipient and the only player who even remotely challenged the 29-year-old German. So dominant was Kaymer that no one got closer than four shots over the final 48 holes.

Only a late bogey kept Kaymer from joining Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy as the only players to finish a U.S. Open in double digits under par.

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HEAT SINK

Spurs snap Heat title run

San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) dunks against the Miami Heat during the first half in Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals on Sunday, June 15, 2014, in San Antonio.

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He made a 15-foot par putt on the 18th hole, dropping his putter as the ball fell into the center of the cup, just like so many other putts this week.

"No one was catching Kaymer this week," Compton said, who closed with a 72 to earn a trip to the Masters next April. "I was playing for second. I think we all were playing for second."

This U.S. Open really ended on Friday.

Kaymer set the U.S. Open record with back-to-back rounds of 65 to set the pace at 10-under 130. He began Sunday with a five-shot lead, and after a 10-foot par save on the second hole, Kaymer belted a driver on the 313-yard third

hole. The ball landed on the front of the green and rolled to the back, setting up a two-putt birdie.

"He kind of killed the event in the first two days," Henrik Stenson said. "He went out and shot two 65s and left everyone in the dust."

Fowler, in the final group of a major for the first time, fell back quickly on the fourth hole. He sent his third shot from a sandy path over the green and into some pine trees and had to make a 25-foot putt just to escape with double bogey. Fowler played even par the rest of the way for a 72.

Compton birdied the eighth hole and got within four shots until he took bogey on the par-3 ninth, and Kaymer followed with an 8-iron to 4 feet for birdie.

Kaymer finished at 9-under 271, the second-lowest score in U.S. Open history



Martin Kaymer, of Germany, left, and Erik Compton pose with trophy after Kaymer won the U.S. Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., Sunday, June 15, 2014.

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next to McIlroy's 268 at Congressional in 2011.

He won his second major

— the other was the 2010 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in a three-man playoff — and this one wasn't close.

"Martin was playing his own tournament," Fowler said. Kaymer joined Seve Ballesteros, Ernie Els, Woods and McIlroy as the only players to win two majors and be No. 1 in the world before turning 30 since the world ranking began in 1986. He is the fourth European in the last five years to win the U.S. Open, after Europeans had gone 40 years without this title.

It's a rebirth for Kaymer, who reached No. 1 in the world in February 2011, only to believe that he needed a more rounded game. His preferred shot was a fade. Kaymer spent two hard years, a lot of lonely hours on the range in Germany and his home in Scottsdale, Arizona.

He fell as low as No. 63 in the world until going wire-to-wire (with ties) at The Players Championship, considered the strongest and deepest field in golf. But the big payoff came at Pinehurst No. 2.

"I didn't make many mistakes the last two wins that I had in America — especially this week," said Kaymer, who moves to No. 11 in the world.

Kaymer has as many majors as Bernhard Langer, the two-time Masters champion and a mentor to Kaymer. Langer sent him

text messages earlier in the week.

"We've almost a German Grand Slam — almost," Kaymer said. "I hope it will make Bernhard proud. I'm sure it will make all of Germany proud."

The biggest challenge for Kaymer was tuning out the crowd, with enormous support for Fowler, who enjoys pop star qualities in America.

The fans clapped when Kaymer's ball bounded off the back of the green, and even when a superb shot from the native weeds on No. 4 rolled off the front of the green.

He marched along, dropping a shot on No. 7 with a shot left of the green that made him play away from a bunker to avoid a score worse than bogey, and another on the par-5 10th when a shot from the sandy area sailed over the green, and he used putter to send the next shot back toward the fairway.

But after back-to-back birdies, including a 30-footer on the 14th, the only question left was the margin.

Woods still holds the most dominant U.S. Open win — 15 shots at Pebble Beach in 2000. McIlroy won by eight shots on rain-softened Congressional in 2011, winning with a record score of 16-under 268.

"I'm wondering how he did it," McIlroy said. "Obviously, if you limit the mistakes."

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Spurs beat Heat 104-87 in Game 5 to win NBA title

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs finished off a dominant run to their fifth NBA championship Sunday, ending the Miami Heat's two-year title reign with a 104-87 victory that wrapped up the series in five games.

A year after their heart-breaking seven-game defeat, their only loss in six finals appearances, the Spurs won four routs to deny Miami's quest for a third straight championship.

"Hard to believe, isn't it?" Manu Ginobili said. "We played at a really high level." Kawhi Leonard, named the finals Most Valuable Player, had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs. San Antonio added this title to the ones the Spurs won in 1999, 2003, '05 and '07. They nearly had another last year, but couldn't hold off the Heat and lost in seven games.

San Antonio rebounded from an early 16-point deficit by outscoring the Heat 37-13 from the start of the second quarter to midway in the third.

The celebration the Heat canceled last season was on by the early second half Sunday, when the Spurs had finished digging their way out of an early 16-point hole and opened another huge lead.

LeBron James had 31 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat, who lost their spot atop the NBA to the team that had it so long.

The Spurs won four titles in nine years, but hadn't been back on top since 2007, making Foreigner's "Feels Like the First Time" and appropriate song choice after the final buzzer.

Tim Duncan and coach Gregg Popovich have been here for all of them, and it was the fourth for Tony Parker and Ginobili, who with Duncan are once again the reigning the Big Three in the NBA.

"Just a great team and we do it together," Parker said. Bosh finished with 13 points and Wade just 11 on 4-of-12 shooting for the Heat,

providing James nowhere near the help he needed.

The painful conclusion to last year served as the fuel for this one, powering the Spurs to a 62-win season that topped the NBA and led to a rematch with Miami, the NBA's first in the finals since Chicago beat Utah in 1997-98.

Round 2 went to the Spurs, but both teams will challenges to navigate for a rubber match.

San Antonio will face questions — as it has for years — about the age of its core, and whether Duncan, Ginobili and Popovich want to stick around. The Heat will brace for the potential free agency of James, Wade and Bosh, and will need younger, fresher pieces around the three All-Stars if they all stay.

But this moment belongs to the Spurs. Playing a methodical style for many years that was predicated on throwing the ball into Duncan made San Antonio respected, but never beloved. The Spurs were TV ratings killers, casual viewers finding them not much fun to watch.

But Popovich opened up the offense a few years ago, making the Spurs an easy-to-like, tough-to-beat group that thrives on ball movement and 3-point shooting.

"You showed the world how beautiful this game is," Commissioner Adam Silver told the Spurs during the postgame award ceremony.

A decade and a half after winning their first title in 1999, when Duncan was in his second season, the Spurs remain the NBA's model organization, a small-market team that simply wins big and hardly ever does it with a high draft pick. Instead, the Spurs found players overseas or in other organizations who would fit the Spurs' way of doing things and mesh with the Duncan, Parker and Ginobili, the winningest trio in postseason history.

That included Leonard, acquired in a draft-night trade with Indiana after playing at San Diego State,



San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker lifts the Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy after Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals on Sunday, June 15, 2014, in San Antonio. The Spurs won the NBA championship 104-87.

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and Patty Mills, an Australian national who scored 17 points off the bench.

No team has overcome a 3-1 deficit in the finals, but the Heat were confident they could keep this season going, Bosh saying earlier Sunday that the Heat

were going to win.

It appeared they would do it easily the way the game started, with James coming out with force on offense and shutting down Parker on defense as Miami went ahead 22-6.

But it didn't last.

While it took San Antonio a little while to get warmed up, the Spurs eventually made it look stunningly easy again — much to the delight of the home crowd, with fans standing, chanting and dancing much of the second half. □

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Spurs' Leonard wins NBA Finals MVP

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AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) —

Kawhi Leonard could have been devastated by losing last season's NBA Finals. Instead, he vowed to get better.

The San Antonio Spurs' youngest star is a champion now after the Spurs beating the Miami Heat 104-87 on Sunday in Game 5 of the NBA Finals, finishing off a 4-1 triumph. And after watching the Heat celebrate last season, Leonard was the pick as Most Valuable Player of the series, accepting his award from 11-time champion Bill Russell.

When Commissioner Adam Silver announced Leonard as the MVP, he was mobbed by his teammates and Spurs coach Gregg Popovich roared with laughter, knowing Leonard would have to do what he hates most — talk about himself.

"Right now, it's just surreal to me," Leonard said. "I



Bill Russell presents the MVP award to San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard after Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals on Sunday, June 15, 2014, in San Antonio. The Spurs won the NBA championship 104-87.

have a great group of guys behind me."

Leonard had 22 points and 10 rebounds, his third

straight big game in the series.

He fouled out in the fourth quarter, which was barely

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noticed after the job he did helping keep LeBron James in some sort of check over the final three

quarters.

When it was over — actually, a few seconds before it was over — James led a group of Heat players down to the Spurs' bench for the first round of congratulatory hugs.

The first one he gave, and rightly so, was to Leonard. It was James taking the trophy from Russell in each of the last two seasons, after Miami's titles.

This time, the night belonged to Leonard, a 22-year-old who the Spurs have long thought was the heir apparent to the Big 3 of Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker.

The Big 3 in San Antonio is still championship-good. But their key guy now might be Leonard, who just took over this series.

"They just told me, 'Keep being aggressive,'" Leonard said.

He listened. And they won — and he became the youngest Finals MVP since Tim Duncan won it for the Spurs in 1999. □





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Messi strike delights; French, Swiss win too

RAF CASERT

AP Sports Writer

A breathtaking last-gasp goal; a first for goal-line technology; happy and cheering fans. What else could the World Cup want? Oh yes, a stunning goal by Lionel Messi for Argentina at the Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro. The World Cup continues to delight in Brazil, with 37 goals in four days and nine alone on Sunday.

On Sunday evening in Rio, in front of tens of thousands of cheering Argentinian fans, Messi produced a moment of magic to remind a global audience why he is for many the best player in the world. The other player who competes for that title, Cristiano Ronaldo, will appear when Portugal play its first game, a tough clash against Germany, on Monday.

Sunday evening in Rio was reserved for Messi.

The team, tipped to go far at the World Cup, was mediocre but managed a 2-1 victory over debutants Bosnia-Herzegovina. Messi's shimmering run and a shot that squeezed into the goal off the post gave



Argentina's Lionel Messi, left, scores his side's second goal during the group F World Cup soccer match between Argentina and Bosnia at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, June 15, 2014.

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Argentina a 2-0 lead.

Argentina looked set to turn its opener into a runaway game when a Messi free-kick was glanced on and turned into his own goal by defender Sead Kolasinac as early as the third minute. The Balkan rookies though, held firm until Messi finally awoke from his slumber with the standout second

goal. Yet Argentina's frailties were laid bare five minutes from time when Vedad Ibisevic scored a close-in goal. Iran and Nigeria open their chase of Group F leader Argentina on Monday.

Messi's 65th minute goal put the seal on the action on the cup's fourth day, including the first decisive

decision by FIFA's goal-line technology during France's 3-0 win over Honduras.

The French relied on two goals and a decisive move from Real Madrid's Karim Benzema to keep pace with Switzerland in Group E. The Swiss turned their match into a real thriller, capping yet another come-from-behind win with a breath-

taking final-minute goal to beat Ecuador 2-1.

FIFA may have been to blame when France and Honduras had to start their game without anthems, but it made sure its new goal-line technology was working to perfection.

France was already leading 1-0 when Benzema's shot hit the inside of the post. The ball bounced back along the line before goalkeeper Noel Valladares flailed at the ball and briefly fumbled it over his own line before slapping it out.

It could have been controversy, but technology made it crystal clear, with seven video cameras proving the ball had crossed the line and alerting the referee through his watch. The technology has been introduced following some disastrous errors in previous tournaments.

Benzema would have preferred scoring it directly since it would have given him the first hat trick of the World Cup after he scored the opening penalty and added a second in the 72nd minute.

"He scored and he was decisive for us," said France coach Didier Deschamps of the player widely counted on now to take over the leadership role from injured star Franck Ribery.

After four days, goals continue to pour in at a rate of more than three a game. Outside the stadiums too, there were more happy cheers than angry protests, belying early worries that demonstrations would turn the tournament into violent chaos.

Around 200 protesters marched on the Maracana stadium but were largely outnumbered by security. At last year's Confederations Cup, more than 1 million Brazilians took to the streets in protest in a single day.

An Associated Press video appeared to show a live pistol round being fired by a Brazilian police officer at anti-World Cup protesters near the Maracana around the beginning of the Argentina vs. Bosnia game. □

Talansky holds off Contador to win Criterium du Dauphine



Garmin's Andrew Talansky, of USA, celebrates on the podium after winning the 66th Dauphine cycling race, in Courchevel, French Alps, Sunday, June 15, 2014.

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COURCHEVEL, France (AP)

— American rider Andrew Talansky was the surprise winner of the Criterium du Dauphine on Sunday as he held off two-time Tour de France winner Alberto Contador after a gripping finale on the eighth stage. The 25-year-old Talansky was in tears after it was confirmed he had won the race, when Contador

crossed the line more than a minute after him.

"You put your whole life into something," Talansky said. "The sacrifices, the training, there are times you crash or you're sick, you miss your family and it's the moments like this that makes you forget all that. This is why we do this, for moments like this.

"It was a very hard start and

we had Ryder Hesjedal on the front and I rode up to him. He sacrificed himself for me all day. We didn't know if it would work but it was the perfect opportunity and we had to try."

Talansky was fourth on the day, nine seconds behind stage winner Mikel Nieve on the 131.5-kilometer (81.7-mile) trek from Megève to Courchevel.

Nieve crossed the line in 3 hours, 20 minutes and 29 seconds, 3 seconds ahead of Romain Bardet. Adam Yates was a further two seconds behind in third. Contador finished 27 seconds behind Talansky in the overall standings, with Jurgen Van den Broeck eight seconds further back in third.

Talansky had started the day in third place, 39 seconds behind Contador, who had an eight-second lead over defending champion Chris Froome. □

Froome crossed the line more than five minutes behind Nieve, to finish the race 12th overall.

The Dauphine is regarded as the warm-up for the Tour de France, but Talansky — who finished 10th in the Tour last year — was quick to deny he is now a favorite for the prestigious race.

"I still wouldn't say that," he said. "This is the Dauphine, the Tour is a different race, but I hope to have a great ride."

Talansky was in a breakaway group which escaped on the Cote de Domancy, the first of four climbs on the stage.

Their lead stretched to more than three minutes before Froome and Contador led an attack from the peloton on the climb up the Col des Saisies.

Contador made a solo attack on the penultimate climb up the Cote de Montagny and swiftly distanced

Federer beats Falla for 7th Gerry Weber Open title

CIARAN FAHEY

Associated Press

HALLE, Germany (AP) —

Roger Federer delivered a statement of intent for Wimbledon on Sunday by winning the grass-court Gerry Weber Open for the seventh time.

Federer fired five aces and saved three of the five break points he faced to defeat Alejandro Falla 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3) in the final. It was the 14th title on grass and 79th overall for the 32-year-old Swiss.

The seven-time Wimbledon champion improved his record to 46-5 in 12 appearances at the tournament where he made his debut 14 years ago.

"I've left a little bit of my heart here," Federer said after his ninth Halle final. "I'm very pleased now to go to Wimbledon."

Federer broke to go 5-3 up in the first set, only for Falla to respond with a break and take it to the tiebreaker. Federer then started the second set with a break, but a forehand error allowed Falla to respond with a break in the



Switzerland's Roger Federer holds the trophy and waves after winning the final of the Gerry Weber Open tennis tournament in Halle, Germany, Sunday, June 15, 2014. Federer beat Colombia's Alejandro Falla 7-6 and 7-6.

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next set. Both held serve to set up the second tiebreaker, where Federer's experience saw him through.

"To win in a tiebreak is always a bit special; the euphoria, the emotion comes out," Federer said.

"I was able to deal with Falla's strengths in the final and also (Kei) Nishikori's in the semifinal.

They were my second and

third games on grass and I'm very satisfied with the level I could reach."

It was Federer's seventh win from seven meetings with Falla.

"He's the king of kings of tiebreaks," said Falla, who defeated 2011 champion Philipp Kohlschreiber in the semifinals. "Overall I played very well throughout the whole week and I want to

keep it up."

The 69th-ranked Falla was the first Colombian to reach the final of a grass-court tournament. He was playing his second on tour after he finished runner-up to Ivo Karlovic at Bogota in 2013. Top-seeded Rafael Nadal was knocked out in the second round by the 85th-ranked German wild card Dustin Brown, who became the lowest ranked player to defeat a world No. 1 since No. 98 Mardy Fish upset Federer at Indian Wells in 2008.

"He's the world No. 1. He's dug himself out of deeper holes before," Federer said

of Nadal before looking ahead to Wimbledon.

"I think the favorites are the same, regardless of what's happened in the last years, the last weeks. It all starts at zero," Federer said.

"I had my own problems last year when I lost early in Wimbledon and I don't want that to happen to me again.

I'm concentrating on that." Federer and compatriot Marco Chiudinelli were defeated 1-6, 7-5,

12-10 by Andre Bege-
mann of Germany and
Julian Knowle of Austria
in the doubles final later
Sunday. □

Ana Ivanovic wins first grass court title



Serbia's Ana Ivanovic celebrates after winning the final against Czech Republic's Barbora Zlahavova-Strycova at the Aegon Classic at Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham central England Sunday June 15, 2014.

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BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — Ana Ivanovic captured her first grass court title after almost a decade of trying on Sunday after a straight sets win over Bar-

barbora Zlahavova-Strycova at the Aegon Classic. The former world number beat Zlahavova-Strycova, 6-3, 6-2, with her opponent also playing in her first major tournament final.

Although Ivanovic started shakily for the second day in succession, and dropped serve immediate-

ly, she recovered quickly, her heavy ground strokes and willingness to attack soon dominating her unseeded opponent.

It suggested that, at 26, not only can she adapt to a variable surface, but underlined this as her best year so far since 2008.


It was Ivanovic's 37th win and her third title of the year, putting her level with Serena Williams' and Maria Sharapova's three.


The Serb couldn't contain her happiness at conquering her doubts about playing on grass. "On grass you really don't have time to hesitate," she said.

"I tried to shorten my swing and move forwards. You really have to go after your shots. It's important to be clear in your mind."

Ivanovic will move up to world number 11, well positioned to make another move during Wimbledon, which would lift her back into the top ten for the first time in five years.

If she needed an omen suggesting she might continue this streak into the grass court Grand Slam, which starts in eight days, it came with the holding her latest trophy - the Maud Watson Cup, the same one as that presented to the English woman after she won the first ever Wimbledon, in 1884. □







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Samsung tablets to have richer colors in screens

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NEW YORK (AP) — New tablet computers from Samsung will feature screens that are richer in color than standard LCDs.

These screens, known as AMOLED for active-matrix organic light-emitting diodes, are already found in smartphones made by Samsung and a few other manufacturers. But until now, tablets haven't used them because larger AMOLED screens are more difficult to produce.

Samsung Electronics Co. is trying to change that with its upcoming line of Android tablets, called the Galaxy Tab S. On Thursday, Samsung announced two such models, with screens of 8.4 inches and 10.5 inches, as measured diagonally.

The tablets will start selling in the U.S. in July at \$400 for the smaller model and \$500 for the larger one — the same as comparable iPads. Models with 4G LTE cellular access are expected later in the year.

Samsung is the world's second-largest maker of tablets, behind Apple and its trend-setting iPads. In recent years, Samsung has been gaining market share — at Apple's expense — by offering a wide range of sizes and quality.

Earlier this year, it unveiled a "Pro" brand aimed at professionals. The "Tab" brand has been used on Samsung's budget tablets and don't come with a stylus, as Samsung's "Note" tablets do. With the new screens, Samsung is elevating the Tab line to become its flagship tablet.

Besides producing richer colors, AMOLED allows tablets to be thinner and use less power because screens typically don't require backlighting. But IHS analyst Sweta Dash said the performance gap between AMOLED screens and regular LCDs has narrowed, while AMOLED screens can cost 10 to 30 percent more to make.

Samsung does have the advantage of making its own screens, and the South



A member of the media scrolls through a fashion magazine during the debut of the Samsung Galaxy Tab S, Samsung's latest tablet, after the product's press debut in New York, Thursday, June 12, 2014.

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Korean company can afford to reduce profit margins on tablets if that boosts volume and reduces costs on the screen-production business. What it learns from making tablet screens might even help it one day make affordable AMOLED television sets.

Samsung did release an AMOLED tablet in 2012, but it was expensive and didn't sell well. The new ones will be priced more competitively.

The tablets are a quarter of an inch (6.6 millimeters) thick, which is thinner than iPads. The smaller version is also lighter than the iPad Mini, while the larger one is about the same as the iPad Air.

The new tablets will sport displays of 2,560 pixels by 1,600 pixels, matching what's found in the Pro series. By comparison, Apple's iPad Air is at 2,048 pixels by 1,536 pixels. Apple markets its displays as "Retina" and doesn't believe more pixels will necessarily be discernible to the eye. Apple is expected to refresh its iPad lineup this fall.

Until now, iPad rivals have succeeded largely by undercutting Apple on price,

and better hardware hasn't been enough, said Rhoda Alexander, director of tablet and monitor research at IHS. AMOLED screens could change that, she said, because colors will pop out

when compared side by side at a Walmart or a Best Buy.

The new tablets will also let people make calls when a Samsung phone is nearby and to unlock the device

with a fingerprint. The tablets can support up to eight user profiles, so members of a household can get separate home screens simply by swiping their finger on the sensor.

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Wall Street Watch:

David E.I. Pyott and the defense of Fort Botox

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David E.I. Pyott spent a couple of hectic days in Manhattan last week, paying calls on institutional investors and Wall Street analysts, trying to persuade them that his company is worth much more than \$54 billion.

A Scotsman who enjoys mountaineering, Pyott is the chief executive of Allergan, the specialty pharmaceutical company in Irvine, California, that makes medicines for eye, nerve and skin problems.

Allergan itself may be unfamiliar to some consumers. But its best-selling product is a household name: Botox Cosmetic, the world's first prescription injection for minimizing wrinkles.

Since April, Allergan has been trying to fend off a takeover attempt by Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, a serial acquirer of specialty drugmakers. Valeant, based near Montreal, has partnered with William A. Ackman, an investor whose hedge fund holds about a 10 percent stake in Allergan. If their takeover bid is successful, Valeant intends to increase earnings by paying taxes in Valeant's home country, Canada, where corporate rates are significantly lower. It also plans to cut jobs and Allergan's

research budget.

But Pyott argues that his company's history of developing and marketing

for turning Botox, a once-obscure nerve poison developed as a drug to ease eyelid spasms, into a \$2

directly to Allergan's investor base. More than once, he reminded people that he is Glaswegian, of a tribe infamous for its toughness - a message that he was prepared for a protracted battle.

"The other side is in a hurry because they have to keep buying," Pyott told me during his visit last week. "But we are in control of our own destiny."

Allergan markets a handful of popular medicines. One of them, Restasis, prescription droplets approved to treat dry eyes, brings in about \$1 billion annually. The company also has a few potential hits in its pipeline, including a drug under study to promote hair growth on the scalp.

But Allergan is essentially the house that Botox built. Botox is the marquee example of Allergan's drug development acumen, which has given it a track record that makes the company an appealing candidate for acquisition. Botox is a purified form of botulinum toxin, the bacterial poison involved in botulism, a muscle-paralyzing disease that can be fatal. Botox injections temporarily block the nerve signals that cause muscles to contract. To deter competition from companies marketing their own formulations of botulinum toxin, Allergan has

received or applied for patents on more than 90 current and potential uses for its drug. Along the way, consumer advocates have argued that Botox's popularity is a result of overaggressive drug promotion.

When Pyott arrived at Allergan in 1998, Botox had approval from health regulators to treat just two rare afflictions - crossed eyes and involuntary eyelid closure - a market with sales of only \$80 million. He quickly understood that Botox could reach a much larger audience.

In his previous position as head of nutrition at Novartis, the Swiss drug giant, he had become an expert in brand extension. There, he oversaw marketing for Gerber baby food, Ovaltine and other popular products. Once at Allergan, he concluded that the company had failed to capitalize on a phenomenon noticed by neurologists.

Patients with eyelid or facial spasms often developed a side effect after their Botox treatments: temporary wrinkle abatement. As a result, shrewd dermatologists in big cities like Los Angeles and New York had on their own started injecting Botox as a short-term wrinkle smoother for eyebrow furrows.

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David Pyott, chief executive of Allergan, the creator of Botox, in New York, June 11, 2014. Allergan has been trying to fend off a takeover attempt by Valeant Pharmaceuticals, and Pyott argues his company's history of developing novel drugs makes Allergan a better bet as a stand-alone entity. "The other side is in a hurry because they have to keep buying," Pyott says. "But we are in control of our own destiny."

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novel drugs would make Allergan a better bet over the long term as a stand-alone entity. He is not simply trying to hang on to his job. It's personal for him: He is largely responsible

billion multipurpose blockbuster.

So on the same day that Allergan's board unanimously rejected Valeant's latest bid, Pyott was in Manhattan putting his case

Medtronic said to be near a deal for competitor Covidien

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Medtronic is nearing a deal to buy a competitor, Covidien, for more than \$45 billion, in a deal that would help lower its corporate tax rate, people briefed on the matter said this weekend. The two sides are in advanced discussions, and a transaction could be announced as soon as Monday, these people said. A takeover would be likely to value Covidien at between \$45 billion and \$50 billion. Talks are ongoing, however, and may still fall apart. Representatives for

Medtronic and Covidien declined to comment.

If completed, Medtronic would be the latest big U.S. company to reincorporate abroad through a so-called inversion.

As Covidien is based in Ireland, where the tax rate is substantially lower than it is in the United States, Medtronic would be likely to relocate there.

Inversions, in which a U.S. company acquires an overseas competitor, allow acquirers to substantially reduce their tax rate and make it easier to access cash held overseas.

A wave of U.S. corporations

have inverted in recent years, with health care companies leading the charge.

Earlier this year, Pfizer attempted to complete the biggest-ever inversion with its aborted attempt to buy AstraZeneca for \$119 billion. Other drug companies, including Endo Health Solutions, from Malvern, Pennsylvania.; Perrigo, from Allegan, Michigan; and Actavis, based in Parsippany, New Jersey, have all relocated to Ireland through inversions.

Companies in other industries, including technology and industrials, have also

inverted. Even Chiquita, the banana maker, struck a deal in March to reincorporate abroad through an inversion.

But in recent months, political resistance to inversions has been growing. Lawmakers in the House and Senate have proposed bills aimed at curbing inversions, and the budget President Barack Obama recently submitted to Congress included language that would effectively bar the process.

None of those efforts has gained traction, however. And the threat of a crack-down has inspired compa-

nies to look for overseas targets that might allow them to invert, while investment bankers have made inversions a core pitch to many potential clients.

And a resurgent mergers and acquisitions market has further emboldened U.S. companies looking to buy foreign competitors.

Combined, these factors are likely to lead to a continued wave of inversions, as companies attempt to lower their tax rates through deals before it is too late.

News of talks between Medtronic and Covidien was reported earlier by The Wall Street Journal. □

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Income gap widens as American factories shut down

MICHAEL RUBINKAM

Associated Press

READING, Pennsylvania

(AP) - In August 2008, factory workers David and Barbara Ludwig both treated themselves to new cars. With David making \$22 an hour and Barbara \$19, they could easily afford the payments.

A month later, Baldwin Hardware, a unit of Stanley Black & Decker Corp., announced layoffs at the Reading plant where they both worked. David was unemployed for 20 months before finding a janitor job that paid \$10 an hour, less than half his previous wage. Barbara hung on, but she, too, lost her shipping-dock job of 26 years as Black & Decker shifted production to Mexico. Now she cleans houses for \$10 an hour while looking for something permanent.

They still have the cars. The other trappings of their middle-class lifestyle? In the rear-view mirror.

The downfall of manufacturing in the U.S. has done more than displace workers and leave communities searching for ways to rebuild devastated economies. In Reading and other American factory towns, manufacturing's decline is a key factor in the widening income gap between the rich and everyone else, as people like the Ludwigs have been forced into far lower-paying work.

It's not that there's a lack of jobs, but gains often come at either the highest end of the wage spectrum — or the lowest.

"A loss of manufacturing has contributed to the decline of the middle class," said Howard Wial, an economist with the Brookings Institution and the University of Illinois at Chicago. "People who are displaced from

high-paying manufacturing jobs spend a long time unemployed, and when they take other jobs, those jobs generally pay substantially less."

Globalization, automation and recession destroyed nearly 6 million U.S. manufacturing jobs between 2000 and 2009. In Pennsylvania, between 2001

now a spot on the Monopoly game board — built a 19th-century transportation empire, and factories produced everything from hats to hardware.

At one time, the city boasted so many manufacturing jobs that you could quit one, cross the street and easily land another, longtime residents say.

residents living in poverty, up from 19 percent in 1990. As poverty grew, so too did the gap between the rich and everyone else. The difference between the income earned by the wealthiest 5 percent in Berks County and by a median-income household rose 13.2 percent in 20 years, according to the U.S.

stress.

"I don't mind wearing the big baggy clothes, but just to put money aside to buy one or two bras because I lost too much weight, I couldn't even do that. It sounds silly, but it's true," she said.

The toll can also be seen at the Greater Berks Food Bank. It distributed 7.2 million pounds (3.27 million kilograms) last year, up from 2.5 million pounds (1.13 million kilograms) in 2001, and the food bank plans to move into a larger building to accommodate the surging demand.

The latest wave of plant closures, beginning around the turn of the millennium, hit companies like Dana Corp., Agere Systems, Luden's, Glidden and Baldwin Hardware. Some 9,300 jobs evaporated between 2001 and 2011 — nearly a quarter of Berks County's manufacturing base, according to Penn State economists Theodore Alter and Theodore Fuller. They were replaced by jobs in lower-wage sectors like education and especially health care, a phenomenon that has played out around the state and nation.

"The manufacturing sector was decimated, and the people who had those skills had no place to go," said Karen Rightmire, a longtime official with the United Way charity who now runs the Wyomissing Foundation, a private philanthropy outside Reading. "The days of the factory job that just required a strong back are gone."

Nationally, manufacturing declines accounted for 40 percent of the increase in joblessness from 2000-2011, according to labor economist Erik Hurst.



Fender Stratocaster bodies are cleaned out after being cut down by Manuel Espinoza at the Fender factory in Corona, Calif. The downfall of manufacturing in the U.S. has done more than displace workers and leave communities searching for ways to rebuild devastated economies. In many American factory towns, manufacturing's decline is the key factor in the widening income gap between the rich and everyone else.

(AP Photo/Matt York)

and 2011, 258,000 middle-income factory jobs were lost. At the same time, Pennsylvania added jobs at the lower end of the wage spectrum — in health care and social services — and at the highest end, in sectors like management and finance.

Berks County, of which Reading is the county seat, is a mirror of that larger problem.

Decades ago, Reading was a mighty manufacturing town where the Reading Railroad — once the world's largest company,

"You made a very, very good middle-class living. You could get a new car every couple years, send kids to college," recalled Ed McCann, Berks County's longtime director of workforce development. Then the factories shut down.

The wealthy fled to the suburbs, their grand Gilded Age mansions carved up into apartments, and poor immigrants moved in. Now Reading, population 88,000, is one of the nation's neediest cities, with more than 40 percent of its

Census Bureau.

Nationally, the wealth gap became even more pronounced, increasing 15.8 percent.

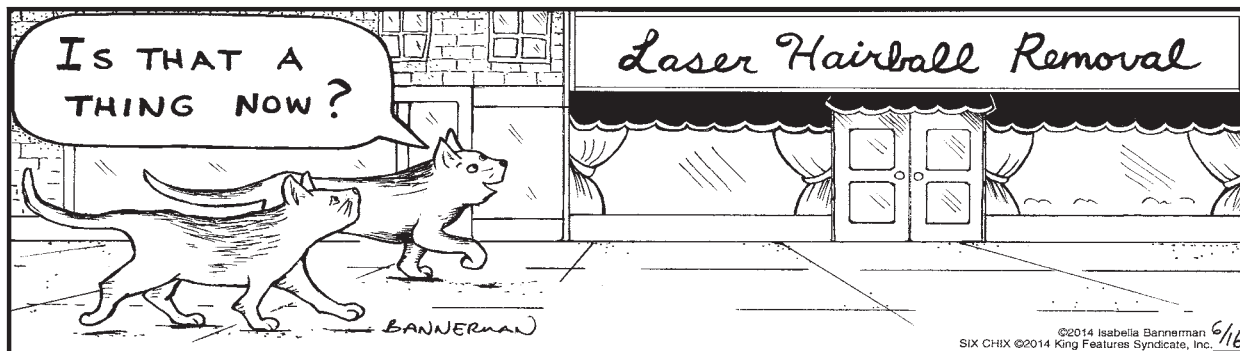
Six years after David Ludwig lost his factory job, the couple have exhausted their retirement savings. They don't go out to eat or spend on their grandchildren.

Barbara, 56, said she has applied for more than 200 jobs since January and gotten one offer, as a shipping clerk, for \$7.50 an hour. She has lost 40 pounds (18 kilograms), blaming it on the

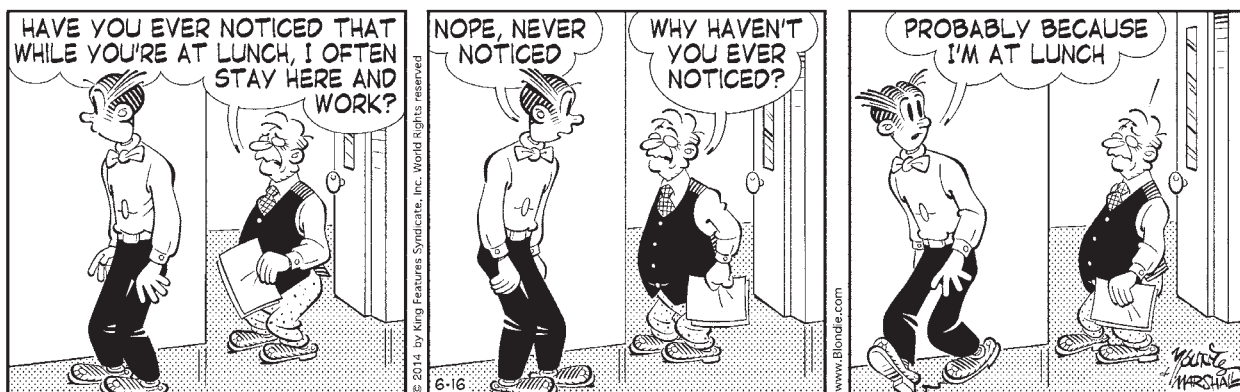
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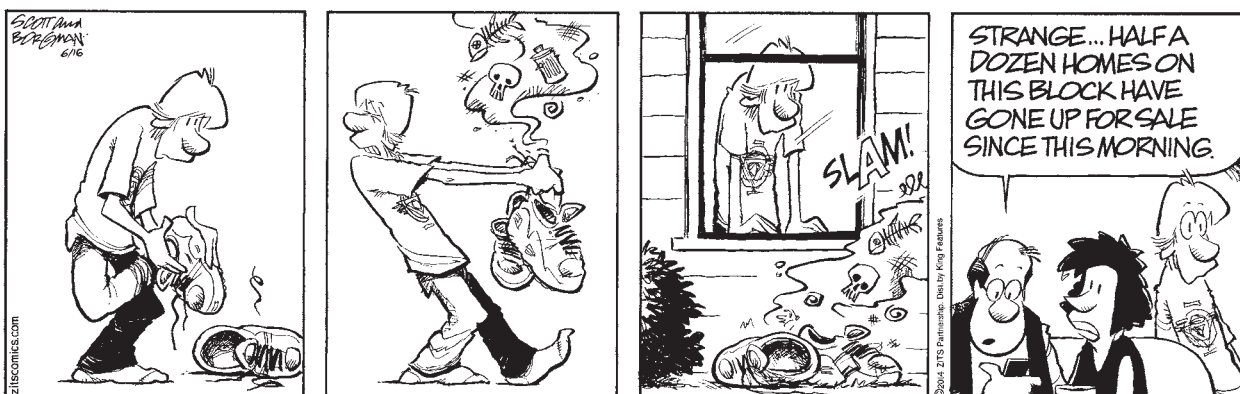
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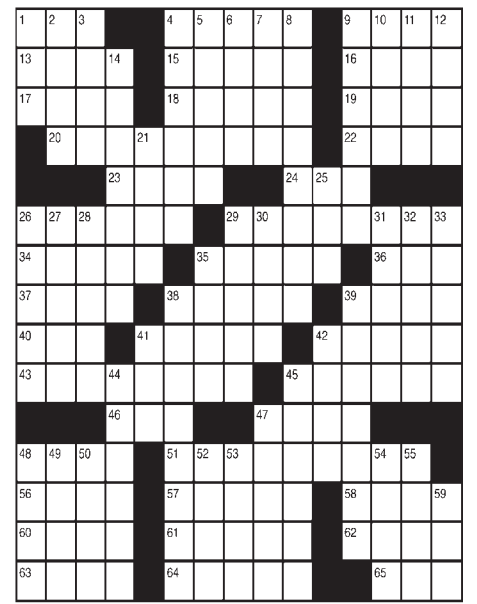
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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- To ; also
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- Like crunchy cooked veggies
- Cry
- Sickly-looking
- Forest homes
- Saddle horses
- Feeds the pigs
- Flower stalk
- Volcanic output
- Plow animals
- Actor Jamie
- Chimney pipe
- Cold weather garment
- Engrave
- Bashful

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And women of a certain age were clamoring for it. Under Pyott's direction, Allergan proceeded to finance rigorous studies of Botox for cosmetic use, eventually receiving approval from the Food and Drug Administration to market it as a temporary minimizer of frown lines. "He was actually very visionary," says Ronny Gal, an analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein who has covered Allergan for nine years. "He was the guy who said: 'This is a market-driven effort. If doctors are telling us this is helpful to the patient, we should follow up on that.'" Next, Pyott applied his consumer-product expertise to marketing Botox Cosmetic as more of a beauty product than a medical treatment. He arranged for Allergan "practice management" consultants to teach dermatologists and their receptionists how to cater to beauty patrons who, unlike patients with medical

problems, paid cash upfront and weren't inclined to wait weeks for an appointment. Allergan also started a kind of frequent-buyer program for doctors, called "Partner Privileges," which gives upgrades and rebates to the biggest Botox purchasers among physicians. Allergan also developed a consumer loyalty program that offers coupons for repeat Botox customers. Pharmaceutical companies often discover unexpected uses for already approved drugs; but drug iteration is one of Allergan's hallmarks. Some years ago, for instance, consumers who went in for the cosmetic injections began to tell their doctors that their headaches had abated after their treatments, recalls Dr. Mitchell F. Brin, Allergan's chief scientific officer for Botox. The doctors alerted Allergan, which decided to conduct research on it. "The interesting phenomenon with Botox is that ob-

servations that are made in one area give you clues about other treatment areas," Brin explains. Individual doctors are free to prescribe approved drugs in unapproved ways as they deem appropriate. But some medical experts have criticized the idea of doctors experimenting with a substance as lethal as botulinum toxin before clinical trials and government approval have established safe and effective doses. "It's trial and error with a nerve poison," Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe, the founder of the health research group at Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy group, said in an interview with The New York Times several years ago. In 2009, the FDA announced that it had received a handful of reports of hospitalizations and deaths in children with cerebral palsy who had been treated with botulinum toxin - an unapproved use. Regulators said the injections were safe for approved uses at approved doses.

But the agency now requires Botox and Dysport to display boxed warnings explaining that the material can spread from injection sites - with the possibility of serious breathing or swallowing problems. In 2010, federal prosecutors accused Allergan of improper marketing of Botox for unapproved uses like pain and headaches. In a complaint, the government said Allergan had for years "illegally, vigorously and without any thought to the possible negative health effects to which it subjected patients, promoted off-label uses of Botox." Allergan subsequently agreed to plead guilty to one misdemeanor charge of misbranding and to pay \$600 million. A month later, the FDA approved Botox as a treatment for chronic migraine. Botox is now approved for 27 uses by health regulators in some 88 countries. Company executives, along with some Wall Street analysts, view Allergan's investments in drug research and

development as crucial to its success. "If it weren't for the research and development, we would not have Botox for the most commercially viable and clinically relevant indications," says Dr. Scott M. Whitcup, Allergan's chief scientific officer. Yet if Valeant took over Allergan, it would cut research spending. □



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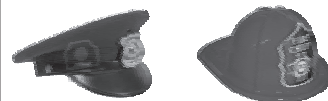
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Nuclear industry explores accident-resistant fuel

RAY HENRY

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — The explosions that damaged a crippled Japanese nuclear plant during a disaster that forced mass evacuations in 2011 show what can happen when nuclear fuel overheats.

In response to the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident, the U.S. government dramatically increased funding to develop tougher protective skins for nuclear fuel, hoping to spur innovation in designs that hadn't changed much in years. While the U.S. Department of Energy was spending \$2 million before the accident on future fuel designs, the funding reached as much as \$30 million afterward. Now scientists at multiple institutes are in the middle of developing designs that could start finding their way into test reactors as soon as this summer, followed by larger tests later on.

The goal is to create nuclear fuel that is more resistant to damage and melting in extreme situations and less prone to a chemical reaction that makes its metal wrapping brittle and produces explosive hydrogen gas. If researchers succeed, their work could give plant



In this photo taken Monday, June 2, 2014, Kurt Sickfus, a professor at the University of Tennessee, looks into the Magnetron Sputter Coater in Knoxville, Tenn. He is among several researchers involved in efforts to make accident-resistant fuel for the Nuclear industry.

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workers more time to keep an accident from spiraling into a meltdown that releases harmful radiation. The work is no cure-all to prevent accidents, but it's a way of reducing risk. "It's basically buying time for the reactor," said Andrew Griffith, the Energy

Department's director for fuel cycle research and development. "It's basically an insurance policy." Scientists in the government- and industry-funded efforts are experimenting with multiple solutions before narrowing their focus on the most-promising technologies.

Nuclear fuel has remained similar for decades. Uranium dioxide is compressed into a pellet about the size of a fingertip. Those pellets are stacked into fuel rods up to 15 feet (4.5 meters) long and placed in a tube, called cladding, made from zirconium alloy. That metal cladding resists corrosion in a reactor, holds up against heat and serves as a barrier that keeps radioactive elements in place without cutting too much into the energy produced by a nuclear plant.

Nuclear fuel is supposed to withstand accident conditions, but the disaster at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant shows how it can fail when pushed to extremes.

After an earthquake, tsunami waves crashed over the plant's seawall and disabled the electrical gear

needed to run reactor cooling systems. When the cooling systems and backups stopped working, the reactors overheated. As water levels dropped, the metal cladding around the fuel reacted with steam and oxidized, producing hydrogen gas. Scientists blame that escaping hydrogen gas for causing multiple explosions that damaged the facility. The same reaction also produces heat, further contributing to the extreme temperatures that allowed fuel to melt and radioactive byproducts to escape. Some oxidation occurs during a reactor's normal operation, but nowhere near the levels that occur in an extreme accident.

Scientists are considering a range of improvements. Some are proposing fundamental departures. The Electric Power Research Institute is experimenting with cladding made of molybdenum, which maintains its strength in higher temperatures than the current zirconium alloys. A stronger metal would do a better job keeping nuclear fuel from melting and slumping

in a reactor during extreme accidents.

Engineers at the University of Tennessee are trying to coat cladding with ceramics that can withstand higher temperatures than the existing cladding, while Westinghouse Electric Co. hopes to use silicon carbide as the base for its claddings in future fuel designs. Quicker improvements may come from changing existing fuel designs. A nuclear engineer at the University of Illinois, Brent Heuser, received U.S. funding to develop coatings that could be applied to existing cladding to prevent the chemical reaction that produces hydrogen, heat and weakens the cladding. His team is also interested in "self-healing" fuel, which has added materials that migrate to the surface of a fuel rod during an accident and form a protective coating.

Any change must make financial sense. Adding safety improvements costs more money. That's not attractive to cost-conscious utilities since the existing cladding already meets federal safety rules. □

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Comic Kathy Griffin to host Daytime Emmys online

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kathy Griffin is taking her comedy online as host of the Daytime Emmy awards as the event heads to a new home on the Internet.

The 41st annual awards will be presented June 22 from the Beverly Hilton hotel in Beverly Hills.

Griffin joked that her only regret is that the epic evening will distract millions of viewers from enjoying this year's World Cup.

The awards were televised on the HLN cable network the past two years. But when the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and various cable outlets couldn't strike a deal, the academy decided to move the show online.

Awards will be handed out in 25 categories, including several new ones, during the live stream.

The academy hopes to attract more worldwide fans through social media sites such as YouTube,



Kathy Griffin arrives at The Groundlings 40th Anniversary Gala on Sunday, June 1, 2014, in Los Angeles. Associated Press

Facebook, Google Hangout, Twitter, Vine and Instagram. □

Funky and funny: Craig Robinson jams at Bonnaroo

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AP Music Writer
MANCHESTER, Tennessee

(AP) — If the comedy thing doesn't work out, Craig Robinson has an easy second career lined up: musician.

Robinson, a comedian and actor probably best known as Darryl on "The Office," brought a smokin' hot seven-piece band — The Nasty Delicious — to the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival on Saturday evening, and turned the comedy tent into a dance hall.

"It's my first love," Robinson said. "I used to play the piano as soon as I could reach it. My mother was first-chair cello in college. She was a singer, an organist. Our house, when we came up, you were going to piano lessons no matter what else you were doing, so it's a part of me." The 42-year-old Chicago resident isn't stopping at his stand-up comedy set. He's also incorporating music into his first starring role on television. He'll play a music teacher on his new



Craig Robinson performs at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival on Saturday, June 14, 2014, in Manchester, Tenn.

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sit-com "Mr. Robinson," in development for NBC — the network that first introduced Robinson to a larger audience as the loveably surly warehouse foreman on "The Office."

He also stars as funky saxophonist Maceo Parker in the James Brown biopic "Get On Up," out in August. After decades of work, Robinson finds he's reached several of the goals he's set for himself.

"It gets to the point where

you're living it and you want to climb the mountain, and all the sudden you get to a spot where, 'Oh, this is nice. This is beautiful here,' and get comfortable," Robinson said. "And so I'm trying to make myself uncomfortable. What I mean is instead of doing my set, I've got this incredible band and we can go and do whatever, and they've got my back. Yes, I'm doing more music and less comedy, and some

Jane Lynch to cheer on Special Olympic athletes

MELISSA MURPHY
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Cheerios coach from "Glee" is leading the rally for Special Olympians.

Jane Lynch will attend the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics USA Games on Sunday — possibly with her signature tracksuit and bullhorn — whipping up the expected crowd of 18,000 at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey.

Her character Sue Sylvester on Fox's "Glee" is a cheerleading coach who encourages a girl with Down syndrome to participate with the Cheerios cheer squad. Sylvester's sister and baby on the show also have Down syndrome.

"I've gotten to know people who have developmental disabilities and their wonderful families since

being on 'Glee,'" said Lynch of actress Lauren Potter, who has Down syndrome, and plays her closest friend on the show. "The folks in the community of support for people with developmental disabilities are so awesome and heart-centered."

"Lauren is a huge bright light. She's very focused and professional and yet loves to have fun and goof around."

Six Special Olympians started the torch run this week in Manhattan, and the "Flame of Hope" will arrive for the lighting of the cauldron at the opening ceremony on Sunday, which is Father's Day.

"All the fathers at the Prudential Center will have a tear in their eye," said T.J. Nelligan, official chairman of the Special Olympics USA Games. "You really

don't see the disability. You see what they can do and can achieve."

The opening ceremony, with a theme of inclusion, will be hosted by model and actress Brooklyn Decker and Philadelphia 76ers guard Michael Carter Williams. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, the honorary chair of the event, is expected to attend.

Some 3,500 athletes from 50 states are arriving in New Jersey for the weeklong event.

They'll participate in 16 sports, competing at Princeton and other college venues. New sports of triathlon and baseball have been added to the program, and a youth summit will highlight acceptance and inclusion at schools.

Nelligan, whose 24-year-old son Sean has intellectual and developmental dis-

abilities, helped convince corporations to pledge \$20 million and land the games in 2011. The numerous sponsors increased the budget from \$8 million at past games.

Sean seemed fine until he started having seizures at 6 months and didn't talk. He's been involved in the Special Olympics New Jersey Games for 13 years, playing basketball, soccer and bocce. He holds a job at his dad's restaurant and is "the happiest person you've ever met."

"He gets to go to the games in his home state with all his friends," Nelligan said. "Twelve years ago, he didn't have any friends and went to a special needs school. He's built so much confidence."

About 15 percent of children ages 3 through 17 have a developmental dis-



This Oct. 10, 2012, file photo shows actresses Jane Lynch, left, and Lauren Potter, right, attending the 2012 Media Access Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

ability in the U.S., according to research quoted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Those disabilities can involve difficulties in learning, language or behavior. The international Special Olympics were founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, whose sister Rosemary had an intellectual disability. □

Casey Kasem, king of the Top 40 countdown, dies

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Casey Kasem, the internationally famous radio host with the cheerful manner and gentle voice who became the king of the top 40 countdown with a syndicated show that ran for decades, died Sunday. He was 82. A statement issued by the Kasem family said Kasem died at 3:23 a.m. Sunday, on Father's Day, surrounded by family and friends at a Washington state hospital.

"Even though we know he is in a better place and no longer suffering, we are heartbroken," wrote his daughter Kerri Kasem on Twitter and Facebook from the family. "The world will miss Casey Kasem, an incredible talent and humanitarian; we will miss our dad."

Kasem's "American Top 40" began on July 4, 1970, in Los Angeles. The No. 1 song on his list then was Three Dog Night's cover of Randy Newman's "Mama Told Me Not to Come."

In his signoff, he would tell viewers: "And don't forget: keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars."

Media personality Ryan Seacrest, who took over the countdown from Kasem in 2004, said in a statement that Kasem's death is a loss for radio listeners worldwide. Seacrest said that as a child he'd listen to Kasem's show every weekend "and dream about someday becoming a radio DJ."

"When decades later I



This July 29, 2003 file photo shows radio personality Casey Kasem at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

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took over his AT40 countdown show, it was a surreal moment," Seacrest said. "Casey had a distinctive friendly on-air voice, and he was just as affable and nice if you had the privilege to be in his company. He'll be greatly missed by all of us."

In recent years, Kasem was trapped in a feud between his three adult children and his second wife, former actress Jean Kasem. In 2013, his children filed a legal petition to gain control of his health care, alleging that Kasem was suffering from advanced Parkinson's disease and that his wife was

isolating him from friends and family members. Kasem also suffered from Lewy Body Disease, a form of dementia.

A judge in May temporarily stripped his wife of her caretaker role after she moved him from a medical facility in Los Angeles to a friend's home in Washington state. Jean Kasem said she moved her husband to protect his privacy and to consult with doctors. Casey Kasem developed a severe bed sore while in Washington and was in critical condition by the time he was hospitalized in early June.

It was a sad, startling end

for a man whose voice had entertained and informed music lovers worldwide.

After its debut, Kasem's "American Top 40" expanded to hundreds of stations, including Armed Forces Radio, and continued in varying forms — and for varying syndicators — into the 21st century. He stepped down from "American Top 40" in 2004 and retired altogether in 2009, completing his musical journey with Shine-down's "Second Chance." While many DJs convulsed their listeners with stunts and "morning zoo" snarkiness, Kasem would read "long distance dedications" of songs sent in by readers and introduce countdown records with sympathetic background anecdotes about the singers.

"The idea from the beginning was to do the type of thing on radio that Ed Sullivan did on television, good, honest stories with human interest," he told the Los Angeles Times in 1975.

Kasem's legacy reached well beyond music. His voice was heard in TV cartoons such as "Scooby-Doo" (he was Shaggy) and in numerous commercials.

"They are going to be playing Shaggy and Scooby-Doo for eons and eons," Kasem told The New York Times in 2004. "And they're going to forget Casey Kasem — unless they happen to step on his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. I'll be one of those guys people say 'Who's that?' about. And someone else will say, 'He's just some guy who used to be on the radio.'"

The son of Lebanese immi-

grants, Kasem was active in speaking out for greater understanding of Arab-Americans — both on political issues involving the Mideast and on arts and media issues.

"Arab-Americans are coming out of the closet," Kasem told The Associated Press in 1990. "They are more outspoken now than ever before. People are beginning to realize who they really are, that they are not the people who yell and scream on their nightly newscast."

Kasem was born Kemal Amin Kasem in 1932 in Detroit. He began his broadcasting career in the radio club at Detroit's Northwestern High School and was soon a disc jockey on WJBK radio in Detroit, initially calling himself Kemal Kasem. In a 1997 visit with high school students in Dearborn, Michigan, home to a large Arab-American community, he was asked why he changed his name to Casey.

"It didn't sound like a deejay; it wasn't hip. So we decided I'd be 'Casey at the Mike' — and I have been since," Kasem said.

In a 1975 Los Angeles Times interview, he said he had been doing "a regular screaming DJ show" in San Francisco in the early 1960s when his boss suggested he talk about the records instead.

He was unconvinced, since his screaming routine had brought him top ratings. But he said he had learned "after a particularly unpleasant situation in Buffalo never to argue with general managers."

Kelly Clarkson announces birth of daughter

NEW YORK (AP) — Kelly Clarkson has something to sing about: She's celebrating the birth of her first child. The Grammy winner announced the arrival of her daughter, named River Rose Blackstock, in a Saturday post on Twitter

She says the baby arrived

on June 12, and she and her husband are "on cloud 9."

Her representative confirmed the tweet.

The 32-year-old singer, known for hits like "Stronger" and "Since U Been Gone," married music manager Brandon Blackstock last year.



In this Sept. 22, 2011 file photo, musician Kelly Clarkson poses for a portrait in Los Angeles.

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The End of Iraq



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Every so often, in the post-9/11 era, an enterprising observer circulates a map of what the Middle East might look like, well, after: after America's wars in the region, after the various revolutions and counterrevolutions, after the Arab Spring and the subsequent springtime for jihadists, after the Sunni-Shiite struggle for mastery. At some point, these cartographers suggest, the wave of post-9/11 conflict will necessarily redraw borders, reshape nation-states, and rub out some of the lines drawn by Sir Mark Sykes and François Georges-Picot in a secret Anglo-French treaty almost 100 years ago.

In 2006, it was Ralph Peters, the retired lieutenant colonel turned columnist, who sketched a map that subdivided Saudi Arabia and Pakistan and envisioned Kurdish, Sunni and Shiite republics emerging from a no-longer-united Iraq. Two years later, The Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg imagined similar partings-of-the-ways, with new microstates - an Alawite Republic, an Islamic Emirate of Gaza - taking shape and Afghanistan splitting up as well. Last year, it was Robin Wright's turn in this newspaper, in a map that (keeping up with events) subdivided Libya as well. Peters' map, which ran in Armed Forces Journal, inspired conspiracy theories about how this was America's real plan for remaking the Middle East. But the reality is entirely different: One reason these maps have remained strictly hypothetical, even amid regional turmoil, is that the United States has a powerful interest in preserving the Sykes-Picot status quo.

This is not because the existing borders are in any way ideal. Indeed, there's a very good chance that a Middle East that was more politically segregated by ethnicity and faith might become a more stable and harmonious region in the long run.

Such segregation is an underappreciated part of Europe's 20th-century transformation into a continent at peace. As Jerry Muller argued in Foreign Affairs in 2008, the brutal ethnic cleansing and forced migrations that accompanied and followed the two world wars ensured that "for the most part, each nation in Europe had its own state, and each state was made up almost exclusively of a single ethnic nationality," which in turn sapped away some of the "ethnonational aspirations and aggression" that had

contributed to imperialism, fascism and Hitler's rise.

But this happened after the brutal ethnic cleansing that accompanied and followed two world wars. There's no good reason to imagine that a redrawing of Middle Eastern borders could happen much more peacefully. Which is why American policymakers, quite sensibly, have preferred the problematic stability of current arrangements to the long-term promise of a Free Kurdistan or Baluchistan, a Greater Syria or Jordan, a Wahhabistan or Tripolitania.

This was true even of the most ambitious (and foolhardy) architects of the Iraq invasion, who intended to upset a dictator-dominated status quo ... but not, they mostly thought, in a way that would redraw national boundaries. Instead, the emphasis was on Iraq's potential for post-Saddam cohesion, its prospects as a multiethnic model for democratization and development. That emphasis endured through the darkest days of our occupation, when the voices calling for partition - including the current vice president, Joe Biden - were passed over and unity remained America's strategic goal.

But now that strategy has almost failed.

De facto, with the shocking advance of militants toward Baghdad, there are now three states in what we call Iraq: one Kurdish, one Shiite and one Sunni - with the last straddling the Iraq-Syria border and "governed" by jihadists.

This means that Iraq is now part of an arc, extending from Hezbollah's fiefdom in Lebanon through war-torn Syria, in which official national borders are notional at best. And while full dissolution is not yet upon us, the facts on the ground in Iraq look more and more like Peters' map than the country that so many Americans died to stabilize and secure.

What's more, we pretty clearly lack both the will and the capacity to change them. It is possible, as The New Yorker's Dexter Filkins has argued, that a clearer Obama administration focus on Iraq, and a more effective attempt to negotiate a continued American presence three years ago, could have prevented this unraveling. (Little about this White House's recent foreign policy record inspires much confidence in its efforts in Iraq.)

But now? Now our leverage relative to the more immediate players is at a modern low point, and the progress of regional war has a momentum that U.S. airstrikes are unlikely to arrest.

Our basic interests have not altered: better stability now, better the Sykes-Picot borders with all their flaws, than the very distant promise of a postconflict Middle Eastern map.

But two successive administrations have compromised those interests: one through recklessness, the other through neglect. Now the map is changing; now, as in early-20th-century Europe, the price of transformation is being paid in blood. □



Putting A Cap On Cantor



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Pardon me. I'm having trouble getting my thoughts together today. I'm so upset about Eric Cantor.

Yes! The House majority leader was tossed out of office Tuesday in an apocalyptic, stunning, incredible earthquake of an election in Virginia that has left the nation absolutely floored in shock.

"This is a 10 on the political Richter scale," announced Rep. Steve Israel, the chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. The Democrats were sort of gleeful about the whole situation, to tell the truth.

Cantor was beaten - trounced, really - by David Brat, an economics professor at Randolph-Macon College, who had no money and so little name recognition it's possible that Cantor himself could not have picked him out in a crowd.

What could have happened? Was it Tea Party rage that sent nearly 14 percent of the eligible voters in Virginia's 7th Congressional District stampeding to the polls, delivering a message that shook the nation to its core? Or was it something personal? Cantor's not the most charismatic guy in the universe.

Do you think his constituents sensed that he was spending election morning in a D.C. Star-

bucks, at what The Washington Post described as a "monthly meeting with large donors and lobbyists?"

Americans always get a little kick out of David and Goliath stories, even if - as in this case - David turns out to be a pet of right-wing commentators, who ran on a "no amnesty!" platform. We don't actually know a whole lot more about Brat at this point. His hobby is "pickleball," which is apparently a mixture of badminton, tennis and Ping-Pong. It sounds very interesting, although not as much as Paul Ryan's hobby of walking along a stream and trying to grab catfish by their throats.

The website for Brat's candidacy noted that he served on Virginia's Joint Advisory Board of Economists under two governors and claimed that everyone in the state comes to him for budgetary insight "knowing that he tested his rural values against the intellectual elite while at Princeton." Actually, he went to Princeton Theological Seminary, which is an entirely different place. But at the moment, people are more fascinated by the fact that his entire election budget was \$200,000, which is only slightly more than what Cantor's campaign spent on steak dinners.

There are definitely some downsides to this development. Brat, who leads Randolph-Macon's BB&T Moral Foundations of Capitalism program, once co-authored a paper on "The Moral Foundations in Ayn Rand," and there is possibly nothing the nation needs less than a new Ayn Rand fan in Congress.

Also, we really do not need the Republicans in the House to become even more paranoid about a primary from the right. They've been nervous for a long time, but this is a whole new scenario. It's the difference between worrying about burglars and hearing that a gopher in your neighbor's backyard suddenly grew to be 6 feet long, broke down the door and ate all the furniture.

Cantor's district in Virginia is heavily Republican, so the Dem-

ocratic nominee - Jack Trammell, an associate sociology professor at Randolph-Macon College - is a long shot. But you never can tell.

Brat could wind up being a terrible candidate. In one of his first interviews after the victory, he was asked for his position on raising the minimum wage and replied: "I don't have a well-crafted response on that one." Now, you could understand why a guy in his position wouldn't have a detailed plan for what to do about Syria, but an economics professor who has spent the last several months telling people that he wants to help working-class America really ought to have thought this one out.

And, by the way, what do you think is going on with the faculty at Randolph-Macon College? But the election comes later. Why do you think Cantor blew the primary? Many observers think he lost touch with his constituents. This comes up a lot in congressional races but generally not with lawmakers who live within a two-hour drive of the Capitol.

Armed with a 26-1 cash advantage, Cantor apparently couldn't resist introducing voters to his hitherto unknown opponent by running attack ads, howling about "Liberal College Professor David Brat" and featuring pictures of Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine, who was in office for part of the time that Brat was on the economic advisory board.

In Virginia, Democrats and independents are allowed to vote in the Republican primary. Maybe some of them saw the ads and thought: "Great! A liberal professor! And Tim Kaine was a great governor. At least he didn't get indicted like the last one."

Maybe not.

But as the sun sinks on Eric Cantor, we have to reflect that one of the pluses to this story is that the House majority leader may have lost his seat because he made a mistake in presuming that Americans hate college professors more than professional politicians. □

From Untended Farmland;

Reserve Tries to Re-Create Wilderness From Long Ago

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LA ALAMEDILLA, Spain - The forces of nature were getting more than a little prodding recently on the grassy 1,200-acre reserve outside this village near Spain's border with Portugal.

Two gamekeepers were building a nest the size of a patio table to help endangered black storks attract mates. Others were feeding chicken carcasses to vultures.

Nearby, ancient breeds of horses and cattle, transplanted to these parts, were quietly grazing.

Five years ago, this reserve was a cattle farm. Its ponds were clogged with animal waste. Its oak trees were squat from years of pruning. But signs of change are easy to notice, from the waist-high bushes sprouting everywhere to the abundant frogs in the pond, which are so loud at times that conversation is virtually impossible.

"You can see," said Diego Benito, who manages the reserve, "there is so much more life here now."

The reserve, the Campanarios de Azaba Biological Reserve, is at the forefront of an ambitious new conservation movement that is fast gaining ground in Europe, where vast stretches of farmland are falling into disuse. The goal is to take advantage of some of that emptiness to recreate the kind of wilderness that once existed on this continent, but disappeared centuries ago.

Past conservation efforts have tended to focus on stopping the forces degrading an environment or on helping a single species. But the "rewilding" movement preaches far more aggressive intervention. Some advocates want to restore ecosystems that have not existed in 10,000 years, and talk of returning lions, rhinoceroses and breeds of elephants to Europe.

At the Campanarios, gamekeepers are working with the privately owned Dutch organization, the

Taurus Foundation, and several universities to breed and then reintroduce a close approximation of the auroch, a giant species of cattle that went extinct in the 1600s. The idea is to find bovine breeds with primitive characteristics and use cross- and selective breeding to develop an animal that lives and grazes much like the aurochs did.

But so far most of the dozens of projects underway on the continent are centered on the less radical notion of reintroducing large grazing animals that

missing because they just aren't there anymore, and that missing part is often the large herbivores," said Staffan Widstrand, a nature photographer and author who is also communications director for Rewilding Europe, a foundation established five years ago that wants to see 2.4 million acres of land in the process of rewilding by 2020.

The foundation grew out of a conference on wilderness held in Prague. It has the support of a variety of conservation groups, including WWF Netherlands,

is that the wilderness areas will eventually be able to pay for themselves by attracting tourists much in the way Africa's Serengeti does.

But the foundation's work is not the only such effort and there is no single formula that constitutes rewilding, a term that most experts say emerged in the United States about a decade ago. Experts say that Europeans have been the most active. Some 30 groups belong to the Rewilding Europe Network, which was started by the foundation

densely forested region near Cologne.

The property, which has been in the prince's family for 800 years, is still used for logging, and the public has access to its vast network of trails. The prince's son, Prince Gustav, said the family wanted to show that bison, most of which came from zoo herds, could survive in the forest on their own, even with people and machines present.

Rewilders say that once they have reset the ecological systems, they intend to largely stand back and



Wild horses walk at the Campanarios de Azaba Biological Reserve near La Alamedilla, Spain, April 16, 2014. The reserve is at the forefront of Europe's "rewilding" effort, which seeks to restore species and ecosystems that vanished centuries ago.

(Samuel Aranda/The New York Times)

once roamed unfettered in much of Europe - wild horses, European bison, red deer, ibex - and letting bears, wolves and lynx keep them in check.

Rewilders argue that without such an injection of wildlife, particularly of large herbivores, the untended farmland will become overgrown with thick vegetation that will end up killing off what biodiversity still exists.

"We need to bring in a few of the parts that are

ARK Nature, Wild Wonders of Europe and Conservation Capital, and is helping to fund a half-dozen projects so far, possibly with more to come.

Among its projects are reintroducing European bison in an area of the Romanian Carpathian Mountains, where farms are being abandoned, and ibex along a stretch of the Adriatic coast of Croatia where there are two national parks.

The hope, Widstrand said,

as a way for interested parties to exchange information.

The projects vary enormously. Some, like the Campanarios, have a multispecies approach, while others focus only on restoring large grazers.

Prince Richard of Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg, 79, a member of the network, has introduced a small herd of European bison to a 32,000-acre expanse of family property in Bad Berleburg, Germany, a hilly,

watch. What happens then is an open question and part of the adventure.

"This movement is about seeing where that takes us," said George Monbiot, a British journalist and ecologist whose book, "Feral," published in 2013, advocated rewilding.

"Unpredictable and not controlled and not managed is exactly what we are looking for," he said. "It's precisely the surprise that the ecosystem can throw that we want." □